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## Phone lines down after lorry crash

Homes have been left without phone lines after a lorry crashed into a telegraph pole, causing it to fall. Cables to properties were damaged following the smash along Maypole Hill in Cradley.

Around half a dozen homes are believed to have been affected and BT customers fear they could be without a connection for up to a week.

The tipper lorry mounted the pavement and collided with the telegraph pole at just before 8am yesterday. It caused it to snap and was only held in place through wires.

A car travelling in the other direction then caught one of the loose cables on the ground pulling the whole pole down.

Although it managed to avoid hitting any houses or vehicles nearby residents were wakened by a loud bang.

The road was closed for more than an hour while the pole which was half in the road and on the pavement was moved.

Resident Lesley Phillips said: "I heard a big crash and it sounded like something had come through the front of the houses."

### Frightening

The 48-year-old teacher added: "It was quite frightening as the telegraph pole wasn't very far from the houses."

"I have been told it will be a week before we get a new telegraph pole so I have got no telephone or internet. It is annoying it is going to take this long as it means I can't work at home."

Emma Tennant, spokeswoman for BT, said investigations into what work needed to be done were going ahead and it was not known when work would be completed. An engineer went to the scene yesterday to make the area safe.

"We are still surveying the area," she said. "The pole and an overhead cable need to be replaced. We will do everything we can to replace it as soon as possible."

"We believed five or six customers could be affected but BT Open Reach hasn't yet had any faults reported to them yet. Anybody affected needs to report it to their service provider."

## 22pc of children living in poverty

One in five children in Dudley are living in poverty which is higher than the national average, new figures reveal.

Around 15,000 youngsters are part of families struggling to make ends meet in the borough. It represents 22 per cent of children.

The figure varies across the borough with the highest deprivation seen in St Thomas's ward where 39 per cent of children are living in poverty.

Dudley Council is looking at how to help families and among the ideas is providing free meals for children during the school holidays.

Plans for a project led by St Thomas's Community Network to help support families from the wards of St Thomas and Castle and Priory are also being drawn up.

While the poverty level is higher in Dudley than the national average of 20.9 per cent, the borough is faring better than Wolverhampton and Sandwell where the poverty level stands at 30.8 per cent.

## New home for replica Titanic anchor



The anchor on its way to Netherton

A 16-ton replica of the Titanic anchor has been moved back to the place where the original was manufactured ahead of a public celebration.

The 18ft long anchor will be officially unveiled at its new home in Netherton as part of Netherton Nautical Day which takes place on Saturday.

The structure was moved out of the Black Country Living Museum on August 11 and taken via a flat-bed truck on the two-mile journey to the town.

Halesowen Road and Northfield Road, near to Netherton Arts Centre, were closed between 6am and 2pm while the anchor was moved into place.

It has been fenced off with work due to take place on the structure in the week.

The original was manufactured in Netherton and is hailed as an important piece of the region's history. The replica anchor was built for a Channel 4 programme delving into the history of the construction of the passenger ship.

# FEARS OVER 18 MONTHS OF ROADWORKS

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**Residents and traders have been invited to have their say on the next stage of an 18-month roadworks scheme in Dudley town centre.**

The consultation event has been organised ahead of the planned closure of Wolverhampton Street between September 26 and November 30.

Business owners have already raised concerns about the road being shut fearing it will deter people visiting the shops causing trade to plummet. Now Dudley Council has organised the event on September 19.

It will be held in front of the fountain in Dudley market place to give people the chance to air their views.

The roadworks programme, which is being carried out around the town by gas, electric, water and telecommunication companies, began in April.

### Inconvenience

It will affect 64 roads in the town centre, although not all of the roads will be closed at the same time.

Cabinet member for transport, Councillor Patrick Harley, said: "Dudley Council is working closely with the utility companies as well as Virgin Media to get the works completed as quickly as possible and we apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused during this time."

Among the traders who have raised concerns was Janet Simpson, who runs Janet's Hair and Beauty Products in Wolverhampton Street. She said she had already lost trade while work was carried out in Stafford Street and she fears it will get worse when Wolverhampton Street is shut. Work there has now been completed a week ahead of schedule and the road has reopened.

An up-to-date schedule of road works can be viewed at [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk). For more information call 0300 555 2345 or 01384 815453.

## Appeal for your local heroes

ONE OF Dudley's oldest volunteers got to enjoy a special day out thanks to the kindness of a Brierley Hill scout leader.

Annie Miles, aged 91 and from Netherton, was looking forward to a day out at Chester Zoo when her helper was struck down with a back complaint. Netherton community group St Andrews Residents' Trust, which had organised the trip, put a call for help and Annie was delighted when Thomas Sidaway - 72 years her junior - came to the rescue.

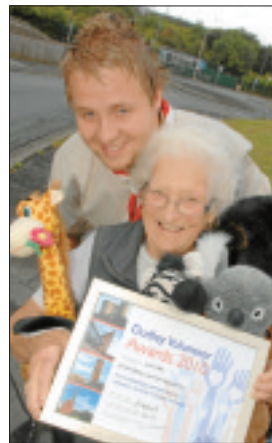
The cub scout leader joined other young volunteers from Star Youth who meet at St Andrews Hub, to ensure the elderly day trippers enjoyed a safe outing to the popular Cheshire attraction.

Thomas said: "When I heard that Annie needed help I just had to do something. It was a real privilege to spend the day with someone who has made and is still making such a big difference to her local community. Annie is a true inspiration."

It was not the first encounter for Tom and Annie as they were both recognised as two of the borough's top volunteers at Dudley Volunteer Awards last year.

The annual celebration at Brierley Hill Civic Hall saw Annie being given the Gordon Lindsay award for long service, in recognition of the 42 years she spent working at Lodge Farm Community Centre. The same event saw Thomas being named young volunteer of the year for his dedication to 1st Brierley Hill Scouts.

Nominations are now being sought for 2011 awards. Nomination forms can be picked up from libraries and Dudley Council Plus or online at [www.dudleycvs.org.uk](http://www.dudleycvs.org.uk). Alternatively, call Dudley CVS on 01384 573381 for information.



Annie Miles, 91, and Cub scout leader Tom Sidaway appeal for nominations for Dudley Volunteer Awards 2011

## Campaign to create more parking bays

Traders were due to take their campaign for extra parking in a Black Country town centre before council chiefs this week.

More than 1,200 people have signed a petition demanding more spaces in Dudley amid claims trade is suffering.

The group will also call for a car park to be set up on the town's Stone Street Square, where plans for a continental-style piazza have stalled.

The council has already started work to introduce 55 new spaces in the town by getting rid of double yellow lines but businesses say more still needs to be done.

### Recent

Roger Scott, owner of Roger Scott Menswear in Stone Street, says his profits are now £1,000-a-week lower than they were five years ago, while Alan Caswell, owner of the Fountain Arcade Toy Shop in Stone Street, said his takings were down 20 per cent in recent years.

The number of parking spaces in Stone Street has been increased from 12 to 18.

The work is part of an ongoing scheme to create 55 parking spaces throughout the town at High Street, Priory Street, Wolverhampton Street, Union Street, The Inhedge, Cross Street and King Street.

## Jobs and homes plans unveiled

Up to 1,300 new jobs, 200 homes and a supermarket could be created in the Black Country as part of a £120 million scheme unveiled this week.

Under the proposals a 66-acre site in Coseley would be redeveloped. New business units would be built to house existing and new firms while a community hall and full-size football pitch would also be created on the site. It also includes three industrial estates stretching between Birmingham New Road and Sedgley Road West.

A food store, retail warehouse and a specialist shop are also planned as part of the Coseley Eco Park project. The plans have been drawn up by the site's owner, Skelton Group Investments.

Director Graham Willson said an outline planning application would be submitted to Dudley Council next month. Mr Willson said the existing firms would be given the option of staying on the site.

Between 400 and 500 new jobs would be created by the new food store and wholesale warehouse while around 300 posts would be made available during the construction phase.

## Council pay claims heard at a tribunal

Equal pay claims involving some 950 workers at Dudley Council were due to be considered by an employment tribunal on Monday.

The authority has settled with 1,937 people at a cost of £9.4 million. Another 1,300 offers worth more than £10.4m were made to workers at the end of last year. About 600 were accepted.

However other workers have opted to go to the employment tribunal which begins today. The hearings are scheduled for three weeks at Birmingham.

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## Plans for cutting speed in spotlight

Plans to reduce speed limits on two busy roads in Halesowen and Stourbridge will be scrutinised by a highways chief this month.

The speed restrictions are being considered for the A459 Dudley Road/Haden Hill Road, Halesowen, and on the A451 Norton Road, Norton, near Stourbridge.

Dudley Council wants to reduce the limits to improve safety.

Residents have been consulted about the plans but the authority's highways department says no-one has raised concerns.

Speeds will drop from 60mph to 40mph in Norton Road from its boundary with Worcestershire to an existing 40mph stretch up to the junction with Racecourse Lane.

Drivers will find the 40mph limit on the A459 cut to 30mph if the proposals are approved. Limits on the A459 within Sandwell are presently 30mph and Dudley Council says it wants to create uniform speeds along the road.

The reduced limit would stretch from the traffic island at Mucklow Hill along the Dudley Road into Haden Hill Road before reaching the Sandwell boundary.

Dudley transport chief, Councillor Patrick Harley, will consider the plans on September 27.

The east Dudley Council around £5,000 to implement the speed reductions. Cash will be found from the minor capital works budget.

## £1m sports hall to open

A £1 million sports hall at a Dudley school will be officially opened on September 16.

Ellowes Hall Sports College in Lower Gornal has been given a £725,000 grant from the Department for Children, Schools and Families for the complex. Dudley North MP Ian Austin will be among guests at the opening.

## Supper for good cause

A harvest supper will aim to raise money for Age Concern Stourbridge & Halesowen branch.

The event will take place from 6pm on September 29 at the Elton Centre in St John's Road, Stourbridge.

There will be a three-course meal and entertainment. Tickets cost £8.

# Full details of who claimed what revealed

*These are the figures released by Ipsa, the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, today. They relate to MPs' spending for April and May this year.*

**Ian Austin** - Labour, Dudley North. Amount claimed April/May: £3,180.17. **Claims included:** Accommodation; travel costs; office costs, including a £71.99 small office filing cabinet. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £31,389.57

**Adrian Bailey** - Labour, West Bromwich West. Amount claimed April/May: £1,533.41. **Claims included:** Accommodation; travel costs including £123.70 underground travel card for intern; office costs including a £213.97 laptop. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £27,290.94

**Aidan Burley** - Conservative, Cannock Chase. Amount claimed April/May: £3,939.83. **Claims included:** Accommodation; travel costs, £30 on food and drink. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £43,314.16

**Bill Cash** - Conservative, Stone. Amount claimed April/May: £4,571.38. **Claims included:** Accommodation; office costs including £144 annual subscription to Gallery News; £15 food and drink. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £46,215.29

**Michael Fabricant** - Conservative, Lichfield. Amount claimed April/May:

£2,313.70. **Claims included:** Accommodation including rent, council tax and utilities; travel costs. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £22,236.86

**Mark Garnier** - Conservative, Wyre Forest. Amount claimed April/May: £3,703.34. **Claims included:** Accommodation; rent for constituency office. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £47,401.95

**Margot James** - Conservative, Stourbridge. Amount claimed April/May: £3,623.80. **Claims included:** Office costs including £832.80 for a computer and £666 website design and production. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £26,782.66

**Chris Kelly** - Conservative, Dudley South. Amount claimed April/May: £801.65. **Claims included:** £73.95 on food and drink; travel costs. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £11,084.85

**Jeremy Lefroy** - Conservative, Stafford. Amount claimed April/May: £4,099.20. **Claims included:** Accommodation; constituency office rent; travel costs. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £38,016.24

**Pat McFadden** - Labour, Wolverhampton South East. Amount claimed April/May: £2,871.10. **Claims included:** Accommodation including council tax, mortgage interest and buildings insurance, office costs including £861.41 photocopier hire. **Claims**

**rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £33,341.66

**James Morris** - Conservative, Halesowen and Rowley Regis. Amount claimed April/May: £1,526.63. **Claims included:** Accommodation including rent and council tax; office costs including £356.17 on stationery and £125 on surgery advertising. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £33,461.32

**Mark Pritchard** - Conservative, Shifnal. Amount claimed April/May: £1,957.54. **Claims included:** Accommodation; constituency office rent, staff travel costs. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £37,417.74

**Emma Reynolds** - Labour, Wolverhampton North East. Amount claimed April/May: £4,074.36. **Claims included:** Accommodation including rent, council tax and utilities; office costs including £145.50 for a TV licence. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £41,920.22

**Richard Shepherd** - Conservative, Aldridge and Brownhills. Amount claimed April/May: £571.55. **Claims included:** £92 gas bill; travel costs. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £14,566.61

**John Speller** - Labour, Warley. Amount claimed April/May: £1,511.73. **Claims included:** Council tax; water bill, office costs including £94.90 photocopier hire. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part**

**paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £16,135.68

**Paul Uppal** - Conservative, Wolverhampton South West. Amount claimed April/May: £597.50. **Claims included:** Accommodation and staff travel costs. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £22,070.28

**Valerie Vaz** - Labour, Walsall South. Amount claimed April/May: £2,207.57. **Claims included:** Accommodation including rent and £145.40 for a TV licence; travel costs. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £37,567.20

**Tom Watson** - Labour, West Bromwich East. Amount claimed April/May: £1,690.57. **Claims included:** £1,304.16 on PR consultants. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £21,926.03

**Gavin Williamson** - Conservative, South Staffordshire. Amount claimed April/May: £4,672.93. **Claims included:** Accommodation including rent, council tax and water bill; office and travel costs. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £44,467.06

**David Winnick** - Labour, Walsall North. Amount claimed April/May: £2,607.40. **Claims included:** Accommodation including rent, council tax, utilities; office costs including constituency office rent. **Claims rejected:** None. **Claims part paid:** None. Total for year since May 2010: £18,231.79

# MPs notch up £500,000 expenses bill in a year

MPs in the Black Country and Staffordshire have been paid more than half a million pounds in expenses since they were elected a year ago, new figures show.

The latest tranche of claims for second home, travel, office and staff costs for April and May this year were revealed on the website of new watchdog, the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority.

They showed MPs in the area were paid a total of £50,097.82 in expenses during the two months. Their received a total of £577,420.37 between May 2010 and May 2011.

Unpaid claims were also laid bare - but the data showed no local MPs were found to be in breach of the new rules with their claims rejected.

However, they were braced for extra scrutiny of their expenses by voters in the midst of major public spending cuts and job losses. Across the country there was fresh controversy as it emerged 69 claims were turned down, or only part reimbursed by MPs, regarding the expenses of some 45 MPs.

In total, 27,000 claims were disclosed - and MPs paid £3.5 million during April and May this year. Tom Watson, MP for West Bromwich East, claimed for the services of a PR firm set-up by a former aide to ex-PM Gordon Brown.

The Labour MP paid Gordon & Badley Communications £1,304.16 - two payments of £652.08 in April and May for community consultations.

Mr Watson said: "I regularly consult my constituents on issues affecting them and their loved ones. This year I have consulted

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on a range of issues from metal theft to police support."

Paul Uppal, MP for Wolverhampton South West, who stays in a hotel while in London because he says it is cheaper than renting or buying a property and claiming mortgage interest, claimed £540 for accommodation.

The figures came out as a report revealed that nearly one in five MPs is still employing family members, at a cost to the taxpayer, despite widespread condemnation of the practice during the expenses scandal. MPs are allowed to employ one family member - and those who had employed more than one before Ipsa took charge in 2009 can still do so.

### Nationally

● Nationally, expenses totalling £3.5 million were paid out to MPs during April and May. Ipsa said it had processed almost 27,000 claims in that period.

Some 69 claims from 45 MPs were turned down - though it remains open to members to submit further evidence to support the claims if they dispute the reason for their rejection.

The rejected claims included a request for £150 from Business Secretary Vince Cable to pay for a banner, which was turned down because it pre-dated the creation of the independent scrutiny scheme.

The figures came out as a report suggested nearly one in five MPs is still employing family members, despite widespread condemnation of the practice.

Research by the Bureau of Investigative Journalism for The Independent found that 136 MPs employed family members in their parliamentary office.

## Pete gets a chance of fame

Veteran singer-songwriter Pete Boddiss, aged 67, is having another stab at fame after playing gigs in the Black Country for more than 40 years.

He has made it to the regional final of the Open Mic UK contest on October 29.

If he gets through, the national final is at London's O2 Arena in January.

The winner gets a recording contract.

Mr Boddiss, of Wollaston, runs the First Floor Vintage record and guitar shop in Lower High Street, Stourbridge.

Married with one son, he will prepare for his big night by playing with the Jazz-atics at the Harvest Festival in Stourbridge town centre on September 17.



Pete Boddiss at his First Floor Vintage music store

## Centre artwork will be restored

An historic work of art will be restored and returned to a Black Country shopping centre after a £50 million redevelopment of the site.

A mosaic depicting Stourbridge's coat of arms dating from the 1920s, will be removed from its long-term home at Stourbridge's Crown Centre before work at the site begins.

Bosses at Tesco have revealed their plans for the artwork for the first time.

Spokesman Jonathan Simpson said: "We plan to restore and resite it within the new mall."

Officials said arrangements had been made for the piece to be removed.

It will be restored to repair cracks and other damage suffered over the years. Eventually it will be installed in the new-looking mall.

It will be placed at the entrance to the centre close to a new food court. A date has not yet been set for work to begin.

But Tesco say another artwork in the centre, a clock installed in 2005, is unlikely to be returned to the site when the redevelopment is finished.

## Moves to protect wildlife

Installing special street lamps and creating grassland with wildflowers are among proposals to safeguard wildlife at a Black Country ancestral home.

A plan to build 14 houses on land at the 18th century Wordsley Manor, near Stourbridge, stalled seven months ago when councillors insisted rare slow worms and bat roosting sites were protected.

Developer Selbourne Homes has drawn up a new plan to tackle the issues in a bid to win approval for the planning application.

Managing director Gavin Warr says the firm hopes the proposals will satisfy planning officers.

Under the plan three conservation areas would be set aside for the slow worms.

A central metal gridded pathway would be created to give worms passage through to a watercourse.

The bat boxes would be fixed and inspected annually, and special illuminated bollards would create a bat-friendly environment.

A covenant would bind any future developers to protect wildlife.

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# Poor English risk to patients | Damage admitted

Foreign nurses who speak poor English could be putting NHS patients in danger, one of Britain's top doctors has warned. Fertility expert Lord Winston pointed to particular problems with nurses from countries such as Romania and Bulgaria. "That communication between the patient and the professional is of vital importance," Lord Winston told peers. "We run the risk of losing it with this issue of nurses who can't speak the English language and have been trained differently." He added: "I'm particularly concerned about nurses coming from the east bloc of Europe. For example: Romania and Bul-

garia." Lord Winston said urged ministers to fight for better communication standards in its dealings with other European states. "I hope we can make the strongest case possible to make sure we get proper communication between patient and carer." Junior health minister Earl Howe acknowledged Lord Winston was right to raise language problems. He said rules stated that health workers benefiting from "automatic recognition" when coming to work here had to have a "knowledge of language" necessary for practising in the relevant member state.

A man who admitted damaging security barriers has been jailed for 14 days. Andrew Fletcher, aged 30, was recorded on CCTV bending the two barriers at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital on Aug 29, causing £300 damage. Fletcher pleaded guilty to criminal damage at Dudley Magistrates Court.

He was sentenced to a six-month community order and a

curfew between 7pm and 7am to run for eight weeks. Fletcher was also ordered to pay £300 compensation and £85 costs. He asked for the curfew to run at a house in Bushey Fields Road, Dudley, rather than the home address in Overfield Road given previously. When questioned Fletcher admitted Bushey Fields Road was his address. He was sent to the cells for contempt of court.

## Health chiefs plan to raise £1m with sales

Health chiefs in Dudley plan to raise more than a £1 million from the sale of two former medical centres and a care home.

All three buildings have already closed after being deemed surplus to requirements by bosses at Dudley Primary Care Trust. There is a deadline for interested parties to put in bids. They have to be made by the end of the month.

The former Brierley Hill health centre, in Albion Street, has been given a price tag of £450,000.

Offers of around £350,000 could secure West Hill clinic, off Hagley Road, Stourbridge, and a former care home in Mere Road, Norton, Stourbridge, is on for £265,000. All properties are listed with Stourbridge-based estate agent The Lee, Shaw Partnership.

Dudley Primary Care Trust spokeswoman Laura Broster said: "There is a closing date for offers on the building as this is usual practice when selling buildings of this nature."

"Interested parties submit bids for the buildings and we then review which, if any, of the offers is most acceptable."

"As these properties were no longer suitable, the services that used to be in them have moved."

"As a public body we have to achieve the very best price on disposal of our assets, so we ask for best and final offers in order to maximise the money which can be made available for future investment into Dudley health infrastructure."

## £54,000 bill for the theft of drain covers

Metal thieves have plundered 120 drain covers in six months from streets in Dudley leaving taxpayers with a bill of up to £54,000.

Dudley Council said most of the thefts had happened in recent weeks as raiders try to cash in on the rising price of scrap metal. It can cost up to £450 to repair and replace a cover depending on how much damage is caused.

The authority is worried the open holes left behind by thieves could pose a safety risk.

It is looking at replacing the stolen metal grids with ones made out of alternative materials to deter raiders from taking them to sell for scrap.

Cabinet member for transport, Councillor Patrick Harley, said: "Like many other local authorities we have experienced an increase in the number of reported thefts of drain covers."

Anyone finding a drain without a cover is asked to call 0300 555 2345.

## Exhibition to focus on famed twitcher

Birdwatchers can explore the life and times of a famed ornithologist and discover more about his study of cuckoos at an exhibition in Bewdley.

Bewdley Museum is hosting the display about cuckoos in the Wyre Forest.

In the early 1920s, ornithologist Edgar Chant spent five years on Pound Green Common, near Bewdley, recording the laying habits of cuckoos. Edgar and Oliver Pike filmed the strange behaviour of the cuckoo for the first time from a hide in 1992. This film can be viewed from a replica hide as part of the exhibition, in Load Street.

Chairman of the Friends of the museum, Penny Griffiths, said: "The common played such an important role in the discovery of the life cycle of the cuckoo that the Friends of Bewdley Museum and the Pound Green Commoners Association felt it was time to raise the profile of the area." The exhibition runs until September 25.

## Neon artists to light up show

A new exhibition featuring artists who use neon in their glass creations is set to open in Dudley this month. Light Fantastic opens on September 17 at Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford. It will run until February 19 and will feature six artists and is free to attend. Contact 01384 812745 for more details.

## 80 sitting in cells over riots

More than 80 people convicted or suspected of being involved in the rioting which spread through the West Midlands are sitting in prison cells, according to new Government figures.

Of those, 26 have been sentenced for the part they played in violence in Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Birmingham, while a further 57 are in prison awaiting court appearances.

According to the figures, released by the Ministry of Justice, 138 people have been dealt with by the courts.

Seven were given non-custodial sentences while 33 were bailed conditionally to appear at a later date, with nine bailed unconditionally.

The outcome of a further six cases has not been recorded by the ministry.

Among those jailed for ransacking stores and causing trouble are Luke Blakemore and Dwayne Spence.

Blakemore, aged 26, of Helming Drive, Lanesfield, Wolverhampton, was jailed for two years and eight months after admitting he tried to break into Currys, on St John's retail park, Wolverhampton, and possession of cannabis.

Spence, 24, of Sweetman Street, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton, was jailed for two years and nine months for throwing a wooden plank at a police car in Whitmore Reans.

## Artists' work in exhibition

An exhibition of work by Midlands artists Shelley Waring and Jane McIntyre has launched at Bewdley Library running until the end of this month.

The artists are both members of the Kidderminster Art Society and the Birmingham Watercolour Society.

They will show their work at the exhibition, which is based in Load Street in Bewdley until September 30.

# Cost to police over riots could hit £12m

Riots in the Black Country and Birmingham cost cash-strapped police up to £12 million, the region's top officer claims. West Midlands Chief Constable Chris Sims outlined the impact of the riots, which he said had been the biggest single investigation by the force since the IRA bombings in Birmingham in 1974.

It also emerged the average age of the rioters was 23, with a third of those arrested being under 17. Mr Sims told West Midlands Police Authority that £8m had to be paid to officers and staff who worked 12-hour shifts instead of eight as they tried to contain rioters on the streets and carried out round-the-clock investigations in the weeks following.

The force will also have to pay a further £600,000 to reimburse forces from North Yorkshire, Cleveland, Norfolk, Suffolk and Scotland who sent officers to help.

Looters flooded the streets and smashed shops in Birmingham on August 8 before the riots spread to West Bromwich and Wolverhampton the next day. Mr Sims said it would be "arrogant" to claim the force had nothing to learn from the riots.

The real estimated cost including damage to police vehicles and premises and the ongoing investigative work is expected to see the overall cost soar to between £10m and £12m.

Reporting to the West Midlands Police Authority, Mr Sims said: "I am convinced that this work and the early public dialogue organised by the police authority will strengthen West Midlands Police's ability to meet further challenges."

Officers had been authorised to use plastic bullets after they came under fire in Aston but had not needed to use them.

The report revealed:  
● A total of 622 people had been arrested  
● Their ages ranged from 12 to 59 and their average age was 23

## Traders look for support to help offset the damage

West Midlands Police Authority has received 65 applications for financial support from businesses and people affected by the riots.

Traders in Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Birmingham are able to access funds from the authority under the Riot Damages Act. The cost is expected to run into hundreds of thousands of pounds as businesses try to recoup losses during unprecedented scenes last month. An authority spokeswoman said the applications were being assessed at an office in Scotland.

Also three of the worst-affected businesses in Wolverhampton have applied to the city council for rate relief.

Keren Jones, the authority's assistant director for promotions and partnerships, said officers had visited traders to give

them information on how they could access funding.

"To date, we have spoken directly to all businesses affected and provided additional information to 15 businesses to make claims under the Riot Damages Act that are processed by the police," she said.

The riots cost the Sunitek.com computer shop, Broad Street, Wolverhampton, around £50,000. Owner Sham Sharma said financial workers on his behalf had applied for funding through the act.

"That money needs to be forthcoming as soon as possible," he said.

Under the terms of the Riot Damages Act, businesses damaged during violent scenes in the region will be able to make claims to the police authority. The act provides for compensation to be paid for losses through injury, destruction or stealing.

## National finals calling



The Pargeters, sitting, Rich and Nick Jauncey, with, back, singer, James Rees and Pete Wainwright on bass the final member Greg Cartwright is in Poland

A band named after the Black Country street they live in have beaten off competition from around 150 groups to land a spot on the bill at a top London venue.

The Pargeters, who live and rehearse in Pargeter Street, Stourbridge, could land a £100,000 prize including recording and production deals when they play in the national final of the Surface Festival 2011.

They will perform at the prestigious IndigO2 venue at the O2 in London on October 1 backed by a legion of fans from the Black Country.

The Pargeters are lead singer and guitarist, James Rees, Rich Jauncey and Greg Cartwright on guitars, bass player Pete Wainwright and drummer Nick Jauncey.

More than 150 bands started off in the Midlands section of the Surface competition and just five have made it through to play alongside regional winners from the rest of the UK. In all, 20 bands from around Great Britain will compete for the top prize.

For more see [www.surfacefestival.com](http://www.surfacefestival.com) or [www.facebook.com/pargeters](http://www.facebook.com/pargeters)

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# Plan details for new bus station

Detailed plans are being drawn up for a £14,000 facelift of an ageing bus station as bosses prepare for work to begin later in the year.

Travel firm Centro is developing a scheme to improve Gornal Wood Bus Station following successful talks with Dudley Council officials a few months ago.

The company has revealed they were looking at possible changes to the layout when the four existing

shelters are replaced. Officials said they wanted to study "all possible options" at the site before putting forward a final proposal for the project.

Residents have been calling for the station to be improved for years as existing stands at the site starting to become worn.

As part of the scheme all four of the shelters will be torn up and new modern ones installed in their place.

Lighting at the station, in the heart of Gornal village, will also be upgraded to improve security.

Hundreds of commuters use the bus station every week and plans to update the station have been ongoing between Centro and Dudley Council for months.

Centro spokesman Steve Swingle said while no date had yet been set for the work to begin details of the scheme were now being put together.

# Lack of community spirit

Nearly half of people living in the West Midlands don't feel part of a community, according to a new study.

Researchers revealed half of residents in the region say everyone in their area keeps to themselves and there is no sense of community among neighbours. One in ten of the 2,000 adults polled wishes they were a bigger part of the community. But more than a third of those questioned said they would have no idea how to go about becoming more involved in community matters.

However, the local pub was named as the biggest contributor to a vibrant community spirit – with one in ten adults saying the pub was their second home. A church, a local football team and a post office were also named as aspects which improved the community spirit as were local areas that host fetes and fairs. The study, by pub company Punch Taverns, claimed three quarters of people in the West Midlands believe you can only be part of a community if you live in a small village or town.

# Region is to trial railcard

The Black Country and Birmingham has been chosen to trial a new railcard which will give passengers a third off train tickets.

There are 78 train stations across the West Midlands taking part in the scheme. It is thought to be the first of its kind in the country.

Known as the Two Together Railcard a couple, pair of friends or family members travelling together pay £28 for a card and then receive a third off on all standard and first-class anytime, off-peak and advance fares for off-peak travel throughout the country.

The region was chosen to trial the new scheme because of the high number of rail users and its central geographic location.

The railcard will be available to buy from this month until May 2012.

Residents can buy railcards from 78 selected staffed stations including Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall and Birmingham.

For further details visit [www.twotogether-railcard.co.uk](http://www.twotogether-railcard.co.uk)

# Council gripes show fall

Almost 90 complaints were made by the public against Dudley Council last year, new figures show.

A report from the Local Government Ombudsman shows there were 88 complaints in the 2010-11 financial year, compared with 91 the previous year.

It said the council had an average 21.1 day response time for dealing with requests and complaints, within the 28-day target set by the Ombudsman.

Councillor Tim Wright, deputy leader of the council, said: "We pride ourselves on doing an excellent job here at Dudley Council, but of course when things go wrong we do our best to settle the matter as quickly as possible."

If formal complaints arise, people should use the council's internal complaints procedure by filling in a form, called At Your Service, available from council offices or online at: [www.dudley.gov.uk/contact-us/customer-feedback](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/contact-us/customer-feedback).

# Post office is robbed

Knife-wielding robbers attacked a security guard as he delivered cash to a Gornal post office, taking a cash box.

The gang struck at Gornal Wood Post Office, in Gornal Street, shortly after 9am on September 8 as the guard was making his second stop at the store.

He was approached by two men who assaulted him in the doorway of the post office and grabbed the cash box. Both then fled on two waiting off-road bikes ridden by two other men.

The guard suffered minor injuries and needed hospital treatment.

Officers investigating the robbery said one of the bikes has been recovered. Police confirmed the knife had not been used in the attack. The offenders are believed to be four white men and all had their faces covered.

Witnesses should call Force CID in Smethwick on 0345 113 5000.

# Rebecca Pountney



Rebecca Pountney, of Halesowen

When Rebecca Pountney announced to her friends and family she was going to become a volunteer police officer, they were understandably worried.

The 27-year-old works as a train delay attributor, investigating the reasons for train delays on Network Rail.

And she was inspired to join the Special Constabulary by a desire to help the community, she says.

Miss Pountney, who lives with her partner in Halesowen, has volunteered for the police for six years and works four to eight hours a week in the evenings.

She says: "My friends were all quite worried at first but then they realised that the job I would be doing would be helping other people. It's a chance to see different walks of life and you never what is going to happen each time you come on shift."

Miss Pountney has worked her way up to section officer and acts as a supervisor.

# Andrew Fisher



Andrew Fisher, of Netherton

Andrew Fisher works with children every day in his job as an inclusion manager at Ellowes Hall Sports College in Lower Gornal. So he says volunteering for the police – in particular tackling anti-social behaviour – seemed a natural progression. His job at the school sees him work with students on behavioural issues and to improve their social skills.

He applied to become a special after seeing an advert on the internet and said it had always been his ambition to join the police. And he admits he would consider taking up a paid role in the police if the opportunity arose.

Mr Fisher, aged 25, of Netherton, who has a psychology degree, believes his experience from dealing with youngsters helps when they encounter gangs of youths on patrol in the evenings. During the school summer holiday he has been working 12-hour shifts for the police.

# Volunteer officers who provide a special role

By day they have jobs in schools, hospitals and offices like thousands of others across the Midlands. But instead of relaxing in their spare time, these volunteers work as police officers.

Their role has become even greater in recent weeks as police resources were stretched during the riots across the area. Members of the Special Constabulary all give their services for free.

Most of them have full-time jobs, and have often already completed an eight-hour day before they turn their attentions to fighting crime.

West Midlands Police has 769 Specials, with 70 covering the Dudley borough from their base at Brierley Hill police station. And the Dudley team, led by James Horton, played a vital role in supporting the force during the recent riots, with 50 officers clocking up 722 hours in just seven days.

Mr Horton, aged 33, has worked his way up through the ranks for 12 years to become head of Dudley Special Constabulary. During the week of riots he was working 12-hour shifts to fill in for "regular" officers that were busy dealing with disorder in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and West Bromwich.

## Amazed

He said it was "all hands on deck" with volunteers working around the clock to make sure enough officers were on duty in Dudley.

Mr Horton says: "I never cease to be amazed by the dedication and commitment of our special constables, who turn out for duty throughout the week, often after a hard day's work."

"I'm extremely proud to lead a dedicated team of professional volunteers who consistently produce such excellent results."

There were 28 specials drafted in on the evening of August 8 when riots broke out in Birmingham and four specials worked through the night in Brierley Hill and Stourbridge.

Section officer Stuart Pearson, who has been a volunteer with the force for 12 years, worked from 4pm to 2am.

Occupations among specials include a supermarket store manager, a senior nurse at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, a senior manager for NPower and a landscape gardener.

They are all required to work a minimum of four hours a week, but most do many more than that. Mr Horton admits that the demand on the volunteers is likely to increase as the force sheds 2,000 jobs. He says people often ask why his offi-



Simon Bousfield and James Cashmore, both qualified drivers for the specials, with one of the police vans at Brierley Hill Police Station

cers are so willing to work for nothing when others get paid for the same job. "My response is always the same, we want to help the community. It is not always a case of someone having ambitions of a career in the police, many would not want to give up their other jobs and work here full-time."

"Superintendent Stuart Johnson, head of policing for Dudley, says: "The Special Constabulary is an integral part of the police team at Dudley and I recog-

nise that we have an outstanding group of officers. It is to their immense credit that operationally, I do not distinguish them from their regular colleagues and they play a full and active part in the delivery of local policing across the borough."

"Without doubt, our communities benefit from having such exceptional volunteer police officers working in their neighbourhoods."



On the beat – head of Dudley Special Constables James Horton, and Special Olivia Quinney



Ross Butler chats to shoppers while on patrol on the high street

# Wrong address has man in jail

A man who admitted damaging security barriers at a hospital has been jailed for 14 days after being caught giving a previous address to the court.

Andrew Fletcher, 30, was captured on CCTV bending the two barriers at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital. Fletcher pleaded guilty to criminal damage at Dudley Magistrates Court.

He was sentenced to a six-month community order and given a curfew. Fletcher was also ordered to pay £300 compensation and £85 costs.

At the end of proceedings he asked for the curfew to run at a house in Bushey Fields Road, Dudley, rather than the address in Overfield Road given previously.

It was questioned by District Judge Graham Wilkinson and Fletcher admitted he had not lived at the Overfield Road address for around a month. He was immediately sent to the cells for contempt of court.

# Play gear will be replaced

Swings, slides and a climbing wall stolen by metal thieves from a children's play area in a Halesowen nature reserve will be replaced, say council bosses. The equipment was cut down by thieves who struck on August 30 at the toddlers' play area at The Leasowes, off Mucklow Hill.

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## Workman identifies burglar

A burglar was caught sawing through metal pipes at a Brierley Hill school by a worker carrying out refurbishment of the site, a court heard.

Anthony Price entered a sealed building at Hawbush Primary School and started to cut into the heating system.

But he was disturbed by an employee from construction firm ISG who had arrived at the site, in Hawbush Road, to start work. Dudley Magistrates Court was told last week the worker had called out to Price believing him to be a workmate.

Price ran past him in a panic. He was arrested by police three weeks later and was identified by the worker in a line-up, the court heard.

Price, of Leys Road, Brockmoor, pleaded guilty to burglary with intent to steal.

Mrs Clare Davis, prosecuting, said damage had been caused to the heating system inside the building following the break-in, at around 7.20pm on May 30.

"This part of the school building was closed off at the time for refurbishment work to take place and only construction staff had permission to enter."

Price had originally pleaded not guilty to the charge but changed his plea before a trial which was due to be held last week.

The case was adjourned until September 23 for a pre-sentence report to be prepared.

## Pallets wanted to build huge bonfire

Thousands of wooden pallets are needed to help build the annual bonfire at Himley Hall near Dudley.

Council chiefs have announced this year's event will take place on November 5. Organisers say they need local companies to donate unbroken, wooden pallets to help build the bonfire. Only wooden pallets are required and not garden rubbish, tree trunks or old furniture. Companies wishing to dispose of their pallets and are able to deliver to Himley Park should call 01384 817817.

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## Camera club events

Photographers are invited to join a long-established group as its latest programme of events gets under way.

Dudley Camera Club meets every Monday at the Central Methodist Church, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, from 7.30pm.

The group is led by new chairman Barry Evans, from Sedgley, replacing Dr Joyce Martin who recently stood down after four years. Members of

the club will be given hints, tips and short presentations to improve their own pictures at the meeting on September 19, when a practical evening will be held. The final event of the month, on September 26, will be a studio evening where members are invited to bring their cameras to take photos. Prospective members are welcome as visitors. For information call 0121 5503240.

## Changes to mail deliveries

New postal delivery routes are being rolled out across the West Midlands and Staffordshire as part of an overhaul of services in the region.

Changes to the mail delivery service are being introduced by Royal Mail over the next 18 months and have started in Dudley.

As well as alterations to routes, more postal workers are set to head out on their rounds in vans or with a trolley to deliver items rather than using traditional mail bags.

Bosses said the changes were being made because fewer letters are being posted, with more larger items such as parcels going through the mail system which can be difficult for postmen to carry in their bags.

It is not known when the new routes will be rolled out elsewhere in the region.

The changes in Dudley won't lead to a reduction in the number of workers and routes will be the same.

However, some householders who were at the start of a route may now find themselves at the end of one.

Although Royal Mail says many customers will continue to get their mail by lunchtime, the time will depend on where they are on the new delivery route.

The changes have come into force in Dudley and are expected to be fully implemented within a few weeks. Letters are being sent to customers to tell them of the changes.

Business groups and councillors are also being informed.

# Call for more safety before someone dies

It is only a matter of time before somebody is killed after the latest crash at a Black Country accident hotspot, fear residents. A man and a 10-year-old were injured after their car careered into a wall in Rowley Regis.

People living on the 30mph Hawes Road are now demanding traffic calming measures. In the crash a car hit the kerb before spinning out of control. It crashed into the 5ft wall of the Rowley Regis Conservative Club.

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## 200-year-old cottages to be restored



The Weavers' Cottages, Horsefear

Historic cloth weavers' cottages which date back more than 200 years will be restored.

There had been fears the homes in Kidderminster's Horsefear would have to be demolished because of escalating repair costs but Wyre Forest Community Housing, which owns the properties, says it was working with the West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust on a feasibility study.

The study is looking at how they could be refurbished and preserved for future generations.

Numbers 20, 21 and 22 Horsefear, known as the Weavers' Cottages, are Grade II-listed and have a weaving room on the upper floor.

The study will also look at different funding options that could be available to the building trust such as grants from organisations such as the Heritage Lottery Fund.

An early report on the houses showed the preferred redevelopment option would be to conserve as much of the main fabric of the houses as possible by keeping the same room use, and adding rear extensions to accommodate kitchens, bathrooms and toilets to meet current standards so they could be lived in.

Neighbours say accidents on this stretch of road are a frequent occurrence and more needs to be done to stop drivers speeding.

Father-of-seven Peter Pemberton has lived on Hawes Lane for the past four years and said motorists frequently speed down the road. He said: "There are speed cameras but they are in the wrong place, and drivers speed up between the cameras."

"Some times they come round the bend where the accident happened on at around 80mph. Drivers frequently go into the wall of the Conservative Club. It was only rebuilt six weeks ago. We have had our own wall taken down before. It is terrifying."

### Dangerous

"I am worried about, not only my children, but we now live next to a new school, and the kids are crossing the road and on the pavement, and I am worried somebody is going to get killed."

Mr Pemberton said he and his family have frequently asked the council to do something about the dangerous road.

He said: "We would like a speed camera put on the bend outside the Conservative club, or speed bumps, just something to make the traffic slow down."

Liz Priest has lived on Hawes Lane for the past 10 years and the road terrifies her. She said: "You can hear them roaring down the road, and it is very scary. 'Somebody could have been killed on Sunday night.'"

Councillor Derek Rowley, cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said: "We will send out an engineer to inspect the road."

## Peddalling for the pounds



Ready to cycle is New Inn worker Rebecca Edwards with licensee Steve Hadley

A pub worker from Kingswinford will be pedalling for pounds for charity. Rebecca Edwards will be taking part in a night-time charity bike ride from London to Brighton on September 17 to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The 21-year-old cyclist works at the New Inn pub on Wordsley High Street while studying policing at the University of Wolverhampton. She says her boss at

the pub, Stephen Hadley, kindly offered to pay her registration fee of £90 which she would never have been able to pay on her own. "I know people who have been touched by the disease and Macmillan help a lot of people."

People can sponsor Rebecca with a sponsorship form from the New Inn or on to [www.justgiving.com/Rebecca-Edwards1](http://www.justgiving.com/Rebecca-Edwards1)

## Arrests after body is found

A man has been arrested on suspicion of murder after a body was found at a flat in Stourbridge.

The suspect, aged 37, was detained along with a 25-year-old man suspected of burglary and a man, aged 45, on suspicion of supplying a controlled drug, shortly after the body was discovered in Caslon Crescent, Norton. Police launched their investigation after paramedics were called to reports of a man suffering a cardiac arrest at a ground-floor flat.

The man, aged 44, was declared dead at the scene and ambulance staff called West Midlands Police.

The death is being treated as "unexplained" while police wait for post mortem results. All three men have been bailed pending further inquiries.

## Walk in the park to boost charity

A charity walk for the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk is being held at Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge on Saturday, September 17. It is open to all ages and starts at noon.

Charity spokeswoman Emma Dowler said: "Memory Walk is a fantastic way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Families, friends, colleagues and individuals can walk together to raise money to help local people with dementia."

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# Thousands flock to boating festival



The Black Country Boating Festival at Bumble Hole Nature Reserve, Windmill Hill

## Splash hit hosted by nature reserve

Historic and working boats lined the canal in Netherton for the 26th Black Country Boating Festival.

Thousands of visitors turned out for the event at Bumble Hole local nature reserve in Windmill End which took place last weekend. Those who went along were able to enjoy boat trips along the Dudley No 2 canal while people also had the chance to go on board historic working boats.

Among those who went along were volunteers from the Dudley Canal Trust who took their grand union canal boat Sagitta which was built in 1935, as well as a tug.

Wayne Siverns said the trust had attended the event each year.

"People seem to enjoy having a look around Sagitta. It is the first time we have brought this boat."

Fellow trust member Gavin Lawson added: "I have been every year, it is a top event."

Tracey Thomas, of Holly Hall, went along with her family including 11-year-old daughter Katie. She said: "It is a really good day out. The little ones get to find out about industry."

The event is run by volunteers and attracts people from across the country. Over the years the festival has helped raise more than £100,000 for charities.



Gavin Lawson from The Dudley Canal Trust on one of the many colourful boats

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# JB's nightclub goes for auction at Villa

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The former JB's nightclub and a police station are among properties due to come under the hammer at a major auction at Villa Park later this month.

A string of former pubs and £350,000 of Sandwell Council property are also on the auction block.

The eight council lots are among 139 up for auction at the event being run by CP Bigwood at Aston Villa Football Club on September 22. The former JB's, Castle Hill, Dudley, is on the market for between £200,000 and £225,000.

Administrators gave up trying to sell the nightclub as a going concern last month and it is already being stripped of its memorabilia and music equipment.

Once the haunt of legends like Led Zeppelin and U2, it went into administration a year ago and closed in January with debts of £450,000. Also up for offers is the former police station in Birmingham Road, Wolverhampton, just outside the city centre.

## Custody

With a guide price of £375,000 it still includes the reception/custody area, interview rooms and custody cells. It has been out of use for nearly nine months, with officers moved to other nearby premises such as the new Bilston police station.

Among the other properties up for auction is a fire-damaged restaurant at 39/40 Union Street, Wednesbury, with a guide price of £70,000. A host of Black Country pubs are also up for auction. The Hill Tavern, Watson Green Road, Dudley has a guide price in excess of £200,000; The Freebodies Tavern, St John Street, Dudley, has a guide price in excess of £180,000.

The Iron Master, Wesley Street, Bilston, has a guide price in excess of £150,000; while the Moon Under the Water, Huntington Terrace Road, Cannock, has a guide price of £78,000-£83,000.

Ron Darlington, joint head of auctions for CP Bigwood, said considerable interest was building in the sale. He added: "Our previous auction was packed and bidding was brisk. The success rate in achieving sales is good - 81 per cent."

## Digging up danger



Tom and Sally in the Brierley Hill garden where they found the grenade

A Brierley Hill family found themselves at the centre of a bomb alert when they uncovered a grenade while digging the garden.

More than 30 homes were evacuated in Addison Road as a bomb disposal unit arrived at the property. The drama unfolded while Sally Mallen, aged 17, tried to dig up a tree root at her sister Michelle Bingham's home.

She was tackling the job at the bottom of the back garden with her boyfriend Tom Millett-Kirkham, 18, when she uncovered the

grenade, which had its pin removed. Miss Mallen, a student at Stourbridge College, showed the explosive to her boyfriend, who carried it to the house. She said: "I thought 'That looks like a bomb' but I never thought there was a danger it would explode. It wasn't until Michelle came outside and started getting worried that we realised we needed to call the police."

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## Three more council care homes to close

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Three of the last remaining council-run care homes in Dudley will close over the next three years.

Dudley Council plans to shut New Bradley Hall in Kingswinford, New Bridge House in Coseley and New Swinford Hall in Stourbridge by April 2014.

The homes have a total of 63 beds, which are a mixture of long and short stay.

Last month, the council announced that the 41-bed long-stay Shenstone House in Halesowen would close in March 2012.

### Extra

Tiled House Care Home in Pennsnett and Ambecote House near Stourbridge also shut last year. The only council home left will be Russells Court in Dudley, which will take on an extra 31 short-stay beds.

The council says it will look into whether staff can be redeployed at other sites.

New Bradley Hall in Stream Road, which provides long-stay accommodation, will shut in 2013, while short-stay homes New Bridge House in Bayer Street and New Swinford Hall, Martley Drive will close in either 2013 or 2014.

Councillor Lesley Faulkner, cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "Of course, news of any home closure is regrettable but I am confident that we are directing our resources at the areas of service that will make the greatest impact on helping people to live in homes of their choice."

## Postie who delivers tradition



Postman Gary Talbot, deputy mayor of Stourport, wears a more traditional uniform

The sight of a postman strolling the streets of the West Midlands in full uniform is a rare occurrence.

But one postie is happy to tip a nod to years gone by. Stourport's deputy mayor Councillor Gary Talbot still wears a cap, long sleeves, tie and long trousers for his day job making deliveries around the town. The father-of-one says the tradi-

tional look proves a hit with his customers. Councillor Talbot, of Gibbons Crescent, started with Royal Mail in 1994. He was issued with a standard cap and tie to wear as he made deliveries from his Stourport office.

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## US deal saves Brintons' jobs

More than 1,600 jobs at a historic Midland carpet firm have been saved after it was bought in a deal worth £40 million following weeks of talks. Brintons in Kidderminster would have gone out of business if a new investor was not found. The crisis came as accountants PricewaterhouseCoopers were brought in to try and find £20m needed by the company. Bosses have now announced Brintons has been bought by American firm The Carlyle Group after talks began three weeks ago. The buyers will take on the £20m debts and invest a further £20m.

Brintons managing director Don Coates said: "It was vital to find a buyer to avoid the total collapse of the company. When we evaluated the 30 plus offers for the company this was by far the best and enables the company to move forward with confidence. "The obligation of the management team was to find a solution that enabled Brintons to have a viable future and this will ensure the company is able to return to profitability and continue to be a global brand." The deal signals the end of a 228-year line of family members who inherited the business. It employs

about 700 people in Kidderminster and Shropshire, with the rest spread across worldwide branches. The company was established by William Brinton in 1783 and makes carpets for domestic and commercial markets. Mark Garner MP for Wyre Forest, welcomed the news saying: "It is very important for the town to keep this historic firm." The company has a factory in Stourport Road, Kidderminster and offices in Exchange Street. Brintons is famous for prestigious contracts which include carpeting the new Wembley Stadium.

## Travellers sites plan

Travellers will be allowed to set up home on up to 15 sites in Wyre Forest, under new plans. Sites including Lea Castle in Cookley and Kidderminster's former Sion Hill Middle School have been unveiled as possible locations for permanent or temporary pitches. Wyre Forest Council bosses hope the plans will stop travellers pitching up unannounced where they do not have permission. Other potential sites include Habberley Road and Stourport Road, behind Blackstone Picnic Park in Bewdley, and Sutton Park Rise, Kidderminster.

## Guided walk

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## Church celebrates 40 years

A Brierley Hill church is celebrating 40 years since it first opened. Brierley Hill Methodist Church welcomed its first churchgoers in January 1971. To mark its anniversary celebratory events have been held at the church in Bank Street throughout 2011. Events have included a celebration dinner earlier this year as well as visits by previous ministers. On September 9 radio presenter, and regular visitor to the church, Nigel Ogden visited. Mr Ogden presents BBC Radio 2's longest running specialist music programme The Organist Entertainers.

Bernard George, who has been attending the church since it was first founded, has helped to organise some of the anniversary celebrations. The 78-year-old from Kingswinford said: "The church has played an active part in community life over the years, here has been a methodist church on the site for more than 100 years but 40 years ago five or six churches from Brierley Hill came together and the premises was knocked down to make way for this one church."



Church members Bernard and Joyce George get ready for the organ recital

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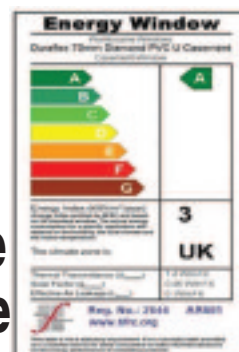
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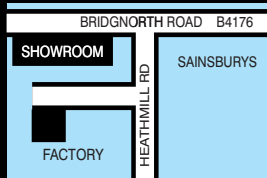
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## MP wants homes assurances

A Black Country MP is asking for assurance that residents and staff at a care home will not be affected when a new firm takes over.

Southern Cross has published details of the new operators of its six care homes in Dudley.

One of those homes, Ashbourne in Lightwood Road, is in Ian Austin's Dudley North constituency and is due to be taken over by Loyd's Nursing Home Group at the end of October.

Loyd's is currently in administration and Mr Austin says that before the homes are transferred, Dudley Council must assess the fitness of the new operators to run them properly.

Mr Austin said: "We now know who will be taking over the Southern Cross care homes in Dudley."

"It falls on the council to assess the fitness of the new operators to run the care homes properly. Given the upheaval residents had to go through

following the collapse of Southern Cross, I'm concerned they should have the security of knowing they are living in a well-run home, free from the threat of closure.

"The staff too deserve stability and their transfer on their existing terms and conditions should be handled properly and in full consultation with trade unions. We must ensure continuity of care for residents, and continuity of pay and conditions for staff."

## Apply for places via website

Parents can apply for school places for their children online in a scheme in Dudley.

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The authority says paper applications are still available on request but claims the online system makes the process easier.

For families who do not have access to a computer, free drop-in sessions using public computers will be run at libraries across the borough during September and October.

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## Crafts course

Courses in traditional crafts are on offer at Stourport's Bishops Wood Centre including woodwork, flower arranging, bushcraft, rustic furniture making and photography. The next course is the Digital Photography weekend on October 15 and 16. Visit [www.bishopswood-centre.org.uk](http://www.bishopswood-centre.org.uk)

## Gazza in hospice fundraiser

England football legend Paul Gascoigne will be reliving the highs and lows of his career when he takes to the stage at a charity event.

Gazza will be guest speaker at the Copthorne Hotel, off Level Street, Brierley Hill, on September 22.

The evening will raise funds to support Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice.

Gascoigne, who has battled problems off the pitch, became a firm fans' favourite as part of the famous England side which lost in the semi-final of the 1990 World Cup. He will be giving an after-dinner speech before answering questions from the audience.

The evening will also hold an auction, including a range of items signed by Albion legends and an Aston Villa shirt signed by the 1982 European Cup winning team.

Simon Cater from Compton Hospice, said: "It's fabulous that Gazza is giving his support in this way, it's sure to be a memorable evening."



Front, Compton Hospice corporate fundraiser Simon Cater, with back, event promoter Steve Saul and Copthorne Hotel general manager Matt Ward

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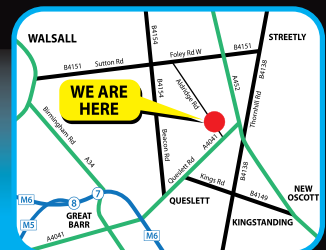
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# Toby reunited with his family

A family from Halesowen have spoken of their delight after being reunited with their pet dog which was stolen while they were on holiday.

Three-year-old Toby, a bichon frise, was snatched from owner Peter Mills mother's garden in West Bromwich on August 21.

He was discovered tangled in brambles by a woman and her grandson near the Ridgacre pub in New Gas Street, West Bromwich, a week after he disappeared.

They spotted an article in the local press about the theft and called the family to say Toby was safe and well.

He has now been reunited with Mr Mills, his wife Debbie and their children Sian, 18, and Josh, 16, at their home in Manor Lane, Halesowen.

## Happy

Since returning he has been back playing with his best friend Pippa, the family's other white three-year-old frise. Sian, who is about to start a child nursing course at Leicester's De Montfort University, said: "We didn't think we would ever see him again but we were so happy when he came back."

"It was great to see him back again. "He is still quite afraid of men but he is getting better." The family believe Toby may have been abandoned by the people who snatched him when they realised he was neutered and would not be able to breed.

Mrs Mills told how they had been through turmoil after a phone call from a woman in Rowley Regis who had found



Sian Mills, 18, of Halesowen reunited with her dog, Toby a bichon frise but it turned out it wasn't Toby. Then a second call came. She said: "As soon as we opened the door we knew it was him and he ran up to us with his tail wagging."

# Lottery grant saves counselling centre

A counselling and advice centre in Stourbridge, which was facing closure due to funding cuts, has been saved after receiving a £293,000 lottery grant.

The cash will help The What? Centre continue its work with youngsters over the next three years.

Manager Julie Duffy said it was the "start of a new era" for the site.

The centre provides advice on issues such as housing, employment, training and health for people aged between 13 and 25.

The service also has a contract with Dudley Primary Care Trust to provide counselling to young people.

Mrs Duffy said: "The Lottery bid was very hard work and took months of preparation but this has paid off."

"The funding is to cover some of the counselling, employment and training advice, to build on the young people's

forum and to start some new work with parents."

The centre was left under threat after a £47,000 grant from Dudley Council was stopped last year.

The authority gave the group a one-off payment of £31,000 to help it through the 2010/11 financial year.

Since March it has also received £48,500 from the Government's Transition Fund, which has helped to keep the centre going by paying some of its running costs.

The centre was forced to shed four part-time staff to try and balance the books leaving two workers and 10 volunteers.

But Mrs Duffy said the future was now looking brighter and a re-launch event for the charity was in the pipeline.

## Market will boost church

A fundraising market day will be held in aid of Christ Church, Coseley on Saturday. It will take place at the Mary Dermott Hall on Gough Road from 11.30am until 3pm.

There will be a number of stalls and a raffle. As part of the event a photo competition is also being held.

It is open to those who have not won a competition before and entries must be no bigger than A4 in size. The photos will be put on display at the Market Day event and will be judged on that day.

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## Youngsters chosen for TV drama show

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Two young actors have won parts in a new BBC drama starring Neil Morrissey and Gina McKee.

Gregory Piper, aged 13, and Jordyn-Eve Davis-Greene, 11, have roles in the five-part BBC2 show Line of Duty.

Written and produced by the creator of Bodies and Cardiac Arrest, Jed Mercurio, the series, based on a mistaken police shooting, will air early next year. Windsor High pupil Gregory, of Haden Close, Dudley, plays Ryan Pilkington, a troubled youngster who gets caught up in the action. He will appear in every episode and is at the centre of a major storyline when he takes a character hostage.

His fellow drama school pupil Jordyn-Eve, of Whittington Road in Stourbridge, also has a part in the crime series. She will play Natalie Tate, the daughter of a corrupt detective inspector played by Lennie James.

This was the pair's first audition and they are both looking forward to appearing on television for the first time.

### Scary

Gregory said: "It was quite scary having to audition in front of a room full of people. I've done school plays before but nothing like this."

Jordyn-Eve said: "When they called me and told me I had got the part it was one of the happiest moments of my life."

"I was very nervous but the camera crew were all really nice and made me feel more relaxed."

Gregory and Jordyn-Eve both attend the group Dramaworkshop, run by Esther Stanford, 33, and based at Chawn Hill Church in Stourbridge.

Miss Stanford said: "They have done so well in such a short space of time so I'm really delighted for them."

"It's a great endorsement of all the hard work they have been putting in."

Miss Stanford set up the drama group a year ago, having appeared in shows such as EastEnders, The Bill and Heartbeat.

Dramaworkshop is linked to First Act Workshops in Birmingham, which arranges its auditions.

Gregory and Jordyn-Eve, who starts Redhill School in Stourbridge in September, will be busy filming for the show in Coventry until November.

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Gregory Piper and Jordyn-Eve Davis-Greene with their teacher Esther Stanford

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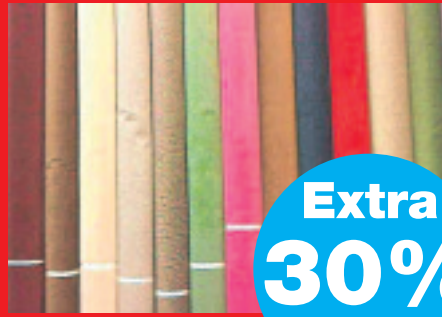
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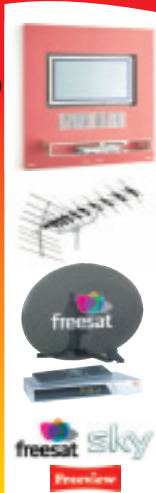
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175/70TR14 Bridgestone B250	£70.23	£130	£250
175/65TR14 Bridgestone B250	£58.35	£110	£210

Avon	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
155/70TR13 Avon ZT5	£39.67	£75	£140
165/70TR13 Avon ZT5	£42.12	£80	£150
175/70TR14 Avon ZT5	£53.34	£99	£190
175/65TR14 Avon ZT5	£44.95	£85	£160

FROM **£33.26**

Budget	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
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Avon	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
185/60HR14 Avon ZV3	£54.04	£100	£190
185/65HR14 Avon ZV3	£58.36	£110	£210
185/65HR15 Avon ZV3	£62.59	£115	£220
195/65HR15 Avon ZV3	£57.87	£105	£199

FROM **£41.85**

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Avon	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
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195/60VR15 Avon ZV5	£69.56	£130	£250
195/65VR15 Avon ZV5	£58.96	£110	£210
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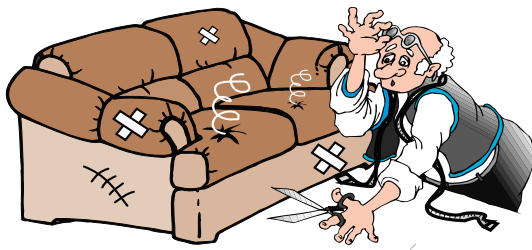
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# Lessons we can learn from the young of today

As expected it has been a busy time since the summer recess ended with Parliament sitting for nine days before rising for the conference season recess.

As usual I've been out and about locally visiting The Bromley-Pennett Primary School and The Crestwood School in Kingswinford to help celebrate the outstanding success in this year's GCSE results.

Head teacher Maxine Suthons told me how this year's results showed the school has achieved over and above the target set by Ofsted with 54.2 per cent 5 A\* to C grades including English and mathematics at GCSE – a nine per cent improvement on 2010. This result puts Crestwood in the top 25 per cent of similar schools across the country.

We are very fortunate to have a number of extremely good schools in our borough with dedicated head teachers, staff and parents. I congratulate all the pupils in our borough's schools who sat their GCSEs this year and obtained such excellent results.

I think no-one should underestimate the amount of hard work that goes into achieving these results and the pupils and teachers should be very proud. These results are a reflection of the hard work and dedication from students, teachers and parents.

Recently there has been much reported about how young people are poorly behaved and disengaged with society.

#### Determined

I think these results clearly demonstrate that there are a lot of young people in our borough who are very determined to carve out a bright future for themselves.

I also enjoyed opening the newly refurbished Richardson Hall Cottage in Wordsley on Saturday afternoon along with Conservative Councillors Geoff Southall, John Jones and Glenis Simms (Wordsley) and Peter Miller (Kingswinford South).

It was great to meet many of the voluntary groups in Richardson Hall who will be using the newly available facilities. I pay tribute to the Wordsley and District Community Association, led by Janet Blakeway, all of the WDCA committee members

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and Dudley MBC for part-funding the refurbishment.

#### Law & order

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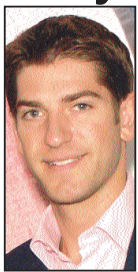
But, punishment alone is not enough. Locking people up without reducing the risk of them committing new crimes against new victims the minute they get

out does not make for intelligent sentencing. Close to three-quarters of those aged 18 or over charged with riot offences already had a prior conviction.

That is the legacy of a broken penal system – Penal reform means making our jails places of productive hard work, addressing the scandal of drugs being readily available in many of our prisons and toughening community sentences so that they command public respect.

The urgent need to take action to address our budget deficit is clear from

**Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter**



events across the world right now. The reductions in the police budget for the spending review period are manageable.

There is no question that the police will still have the resources to do their important work. At the end of this spending review period, the police will still have enough officers to deploy in the kind of numbers we saw during the riots.

#### Deployed

The effectiveness of a police force does not depend on the number of staff but on the way police officers are deployed.

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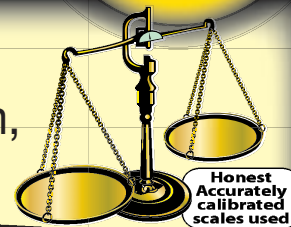
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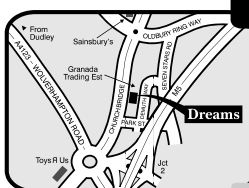
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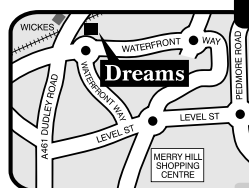
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More than 3,000 people flocked to the grounds of Himley Hall to see over 750 vehicles, including buses and cars.

Organiser Geoff Price said: "Everyone seems to have been enjoying themselves and the weather held off for periods, so I'm happy."

Among the exhibitors was Chris Unitt, aged 46, who was there with a 1924 Model T Ford which he has restored with modern parts, including an axle from an E-Type Jaguar.

The lorry driver from Darlaston bought the car after it had fallen into disrepair being used in "hot rod" competitions.

One of the most popular attractions was a replica Panzer 1490cc motorbike – as seen in the 1969 film Easy Rider – signed by the film's star Peter Fonda and owned by Graham Gamble, 53, of Seisdon.



Chris Unitt, left, with his 1924 Model T Ford and Martin Monaghan, showing off his 1953 Ford Prefect at the Himley Hall classic car show



Graham Gamble and his Easy Rider-style replica Panzer bike signed by Peter Fonda

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Tuesday 7.15pm **High Arcal School**, Sedgley DY3 1BP

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Tuesday 6.30-7.30pm **Woodside Community Centre**, Highgate Road, Dudley DY2 0SN

Wednesday *Change of day from 13th September* 6.30-7.30pm and 7.45-8.45pm **High Arcal School**, Sedgley DY3 1BP

Wednesday 6.15-7.15pm **The Grand Hall**, Dudley College, The Broadway, Dudley - New Large Venue

Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm and 7.45-8.45pm **The Kingswinford School**, Water Street, Kingswinford DY6 7AD

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## Care home plan for derelict pub

A vandal-hit former pub and brewery in Dudley town centre will be given a new lease of life after lying empty for more than 30 years, under new transformation plans.

The Gypsies Tent Inn, on the corner of Steppingstone Street and Stafford Street which is boarded up, has fallen into disrepair since it shut in 1980. It has been targeted numerous times by vandals and has been stripped of many of its original features.

But the pub, which is on one of the main routes into the town centre, is now set to be converted into a care home. Jim Sadhra, of We Care Ltd,

Stourbridge has submitted proposals to refurbish and extend the building which dates back to 1841.

Andy Law of Bowles Whittick Young states in a report submitted with the plans: "The building ... requires total refurbishment including the replacement of floors and roofs."

Under the proposals a two storey extension would be built providing single bed, en-suite accommodation for up to 10 residents.

There would also be a dining room, kitchen, laundry and sitting room as well as a respite room and garden.

Staff rooms and general office and store rooms would be created.

The main pub building will be repaired and refurbished with materials and features to match the existing ones.

A wheelchair access pathway from the Steppingstone Street edge of the Pitfield Street car park will be provided.

The pub is within the Dudley town centre conservation area but is not listed. There was a brewery at the site run by the Millard family from around 1886 until 1961. The pub and hotel continued until around 1980.

Over the years the building has been targeted by fly-tippers and arsonists.

## Help with job search

Anyone looking for work or thinking about a career change can get help at Stourport Library.

With Jobchange, a service delivering under the government's Next Step programme, Stourport Library will be running free weekly sessions every Tuesday from September 13 for residents looking for help and advice to get back into work, make a career change or step up the career ladder.

The weekly club will help job seekers to use the resources at the Worcester Street library to develop skills needed for writing CVs, filling in application forms, searching employment websites and improving interview skills, as well as sharing their experiences.

## Christmas fair

Christmas gifts and food will be on offer at an annual fair. Hagley Hall, near Stourbridge, holds the event between October 22 and 23. Stalls will offer traditional gifts and food and drink producers also man stalls. The fair will be set inside the state rooms and in a heated and carpeted marquee.

## Trotting off to raise cash

Horse riders can get out their best crop and boots for a sponsored trot through the Midland countryside.

The Gothersley Sponsored Ride was organised by stable owners at Gothersley Farm in Stourton to raise money for the Midland Air Ambulance after young rider Sophie Holder, nine, was badly injured when she fell from her pony and had to be airlifted to hospital last May.

"She was trekking with one of her friends when a pheasant flew out from the bushes and actually got under the pony, spooking it," said her mother Tracey, 44, of Lorrainer Avenue, Brierley Hill. "She fell off and the pony hit her in the face with one of his hooves. She was airlifted to Birmingham Children's Hospital where she had to have plastic surgery."

"We just wanted to say thank you as the Air Ambulance were fantastic."

The ride will set off from the farm on September 18.



Stable-hands Lois Howard and Sophie Holder with nine-year-old Sophie Holder, no relation, who was airlifted to hospital after falling from her horse Ace

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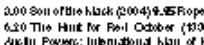
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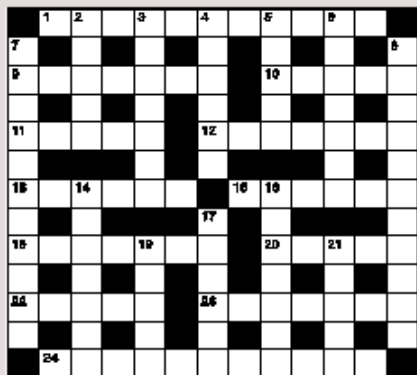
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### Crossword



**Across**  
1 Happening to be photographing the site! (6,5)  
8 & 10 In What faces the houses of the French capital? (7,2,5)  
10 A note needs transposing by the right vocalist (5)  
11 He's a alien as a rule (5)  
12 This is assumed to make a sound negative look more attractive (3-4)  
13 What the cat did, having run round the track? (5)  
15 Having been topped, it's topped and then tipped! (5)  
18 Take pains to show calamity (7)  
20 They're instrumental as water-carriers (5)  
22 Told about one showing remorse (5)  
23 Adorning to break a kind of knot (7)  
24 Daring to take a risk with certain people (11)

**Down**  
2 What increases your bank balance once more (5)  
3 Deeply emotional in past, present or future (7)  
4 Stone coming from the north in great variety (5)  
5 More recent piece of rare talent brought up (5)  
6 To do this, one may need to give a man time (7)  
7 So due parts will reveal those who take financial risks (11)  
8 Emulating the pilgrim? (11)  
14 The result of taking a one-sided picture (7)  
16 See 9 Across  
17 Firm amalgamation (5)  
18 Fanatic has to make progress in the past (5)  
21 Being precise about a Trojan king (5)

#### Last Week's Solutions

Across: 1. Bacteria; 5. Aisle; 8. Stage; 10. Hints; 11. Man; 12. Caring; 13. Change of heart; 15. Distinct; 18. Roll; 20. Concoct; 21. Thief; 22. Leap; 23. Resented; Down: 2. Outside; 3. Tightly; 4. Concoction; 6. History; 7. Dessert; 9. Switch; 13. Gilded; 14. Absence; 15. Quaking; 16. Embark; 17. Ransom.

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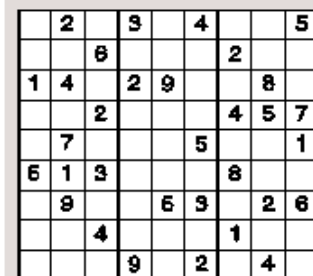
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### Sudoku



#### Last Week's Solutions

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contain all the digits from 1 to 9.

### Word Square

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one 9-letter word.

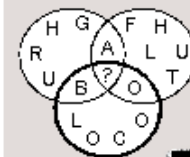
10 words = 0% 20 words = 0.5%  
15 words = 0.01 25+ words = Excellent



Last Week's Solutions:  
7-letter word - Unpleasant

### Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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Sunday 4th Dec	UB40 Johnny 2 Bad	£27.95 per person
Friday 9th Dec	UB40 Johnny 2 Bad	£32.00 per person
Friday 16th Dec	Abba Tribute	£31.00 per person
Saturday 17th Dec	Robbie Williams Tribute - Ollie Hughes	£31.00 per person
Sunday 18th Dec	Soul and Motown Night	£25.95 per person
Friday 23rd Dec	Motown and Soul	£31.00 per person
Saturday 24th Dec	Motown and Soul	£31.00 per person
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Thursdays & Sundays	£22.95 per person, Saturdays £27.95 per person		
Package Includes:	4 Course Gala Dinner, Coffee & Mince Pies, Novelties & Live Entertainment and DJ until Late		
Programme:	19.00 pm: Bar Opens; 19.30: Dinner is Served 21.30: Entertainment/DJ Commences, 01.00: Last Orders at Bar		
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### Bollywood Nights

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Friday 25th Nov 2011	<b>Beatles Tribute Night with Abbey Road act</b> Package to include Venue Cuisine buffet £20.95 per person	£8.00 adv / £10.00 door
Friday 26th August 2011	<b>Swinging 60s Disco Night</b> Package deal £17.95 to include Venue Cuisine buffet beforehand	£5.00 adv / £7.00 door
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Saturday 15th Oct 2011	<b>90s Disco</b> Package deal £17.95 to include Venue Cuisine buffet beforehand	£5.00 adv / £7.00 door

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From this weekend we are also introducing a range of new menus including our new Autumn menu, and cost conscious lunch menu supported by a new range of upmarket wine supporting our very popular middle of the road range.

We are now supporting our range of Envile ales with some other local favourite ales by Sarah Hughes and Holdens. . .

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our revamped standard menu which now has more fish and vegetarian dishes, retaining the original signature dishes.

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Also at The Wall Heath Tavern we are proud to announce that start to our unmissable theme nights with our variety of menus and cocktails using inspiration from all over the



Last week I was speaking to Zol the celebrated chef and manager of the Wall Heath Tavern in Wall Heath and he asked me to ensure that customers were given feedback on his successful first three months at his now pub that offers a great range of fresh food and massive range of real ales.

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This was further endorsed by a great review by the insider at the Express and Star with comments such as 'The Wal Heath Tavern is back with a bang' and 'Excellent value', Describing our 'Envile Battered Chips as gorgeous, almost beyond words', 'The lamb as 'excellent quality', 'The Envile Battered Cod as superb but just too big' (we are proud not to offer small portions), and not forgetting our 'fantastic range of beautiful Envile Ales'.

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## Childcare costs hit the poorest

Britain's poorest parents are turning down jobs or considering leaving work because they can't afford to pay for childcare, new research claims.

Parents spend almost a third of their incomes on childcare, according to research by charities Save the Children and Daycare Trust.

For four out of 10 families (41 per cent) the cost of childcare is on a par with mortgage or rent, the study showed. Some families even have to cut back on food to meet the costs.

Nearly six in 10 (58 per cent) said they were or would be no better off working once childcare is paid for.

The research found parents, regardless of income, cannot afford not to work but struggle to pay for childcare and despite many parents cutting back spending, almost a quarter have got into debt due to childcare costs.

Cuts to the working tax credit have hit families struggling in severe poverty, the charities said.

Four in 10 of those affected have considered giving up work because they will no longer earn enough to cover the childcare bill. A quarter of parents in severe poverty have given up work and a third have turned down a job mainly because of childcare costs.

Sally Copley, of Save the Children, said: "Childcare in the UK is among the most expensive in the world and families on low incomes simply don't earn enough to cover the costs and are being priced out of work as a result."

Anand Shukla, acting chief executive of Daycare Trust, said: "Being able to work and be financially independent is in the interests of both families and our wider society; yet parents are being forced out of work as a direct result of how expensive childcare is." The charities are calling on the Government to increase the amount spent on childcare support.

## Self service scheme at libraries

More people in Dudley will soon be able to borrow books through self-service technology as a roll-out programme of hi-tech scheme across borough libraries continues.

Coseley Library will shut next week while a machine is installed and bosses say Gornal Library will also be receiving the equipment.

To enable a self-service machine to go at Coseley Library, it will close from September 19 to September 26 and self-service will go live on 30 September.

When it's closed, work will be carried out to the ICT networks and the booking counter moved to a new position.

Gornal Library will have its self-service machine installed this week.

There will also be some alterations to the counter position but it is unlikely this work will result in a temporary closure of the library.

The self service scheme will be up and running at Gornal Library on September 21.

## Insight into working at hospital



Megan Luckins, clinical support worker Karen O'Brien, Wishing Well organiser Steve Ford and Mariam Ajaib

Two youngsters have been finding out what life is like working in the health service in Dudley.

Thirteen-year-old Megan Luckins from Ambecote and Mariam Ajaib, aged 14, from Stourbridge have both recently had appendix operations at Russells Hall Hospital. The pair told the Wishing Well

charity they both wanted to see what life was like as a nurse for the day and the organisation helped them to realise their dream.

The pair visited the maternity unit then watched as Wishing Well organiser Steve Ford had his foot plastered and also saw an ultra scan and blood test carried out.



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so customers know they are getting the same service as the person who recommended them. I also check all the jobs once they are finished". He adds "We take no money up front, I work on the basis that I trust them so they can trust me, if they have any problems, we will sort them out".

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# Final three homes at Waters Edge complex

LEADING housebuilder Barratt West Midlands now has just three remaining waterside apartments at the Severn View apartment complex at Waters Edge on Mart Lane, Stourport.

The development has experienced high demand for its apartments thanks to its beautiful waterside location at Stourport's canal basin and its wide appeal to investors, first time buyers and anyone looking to move to a smaller scenic property now that their children have moved home.

"Our apartments in Severn View at Waters Edge have been exceptionally popular" comments Stephen Cleveley, Senior Sales Manager for Barratt West Midlands. "And it's easy to see why. Our apartments enjoy the beautiful scenery of the canal basin and Stourport has become one of Worcestershire's premier locations thanks to its excellent facilities and attractions."

## Spacious

"Residents in Severn View are just a short walk along the canal from the centre of Stourport with everything it has to offer, so our final three properties represent an excellent chance for buyers to secure a home at this popular development."

The final selection of apartments in Severn View includes the Mease-style two bedroom apartment, which is available for just £139,950 and features two spacious double bedrooms including a master bedroom with an ensuite bathroom, as well as an airy open plan living and dining room, modern kitchen and separate bathroom.

"We're really looking forward to welcoming visitors to see the final homes in Severn View" continued Stephen. "We are anticipating especially high demand for these final homes, so I



There has been high demand for the apartments in picturesque Stourport

would advise anyone interested to waste no time in contacting our friendly and helpful sales advisers, who will be on hand to answer any questions you have about moving to Waters Edge."

Barratt West Midlands is currently offering a selection of homes that are ideal for either downsizers or first time buyers at its Waters Edge development on Mart Lane in Stourport-on-Severn, which currently features a range of two-bedroom apartments priced from £139,950.

For more information, contact the sales office on 01299 828 130 open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Alternatively, call the sales hotline on 0844 811 9933 open seven days a week from 8am to 9pm or log on to [www.barratthomes.co.uk/waters-edge](http://www.barratthomes.co.uk/waters-edge)

Barratt West Midlands has been confirmed as meriting the maximum five star official rating from the Home Builders Federation (HBF) for the second year in a row.

The news was announced after more than 20,000 new home buyers across the country took part in this year's HBF customer satisfaction survey.

For added peace of mind, buyers can also benefit from Barratt's new five year guarantee on fixtures and fittings in their new home at the time of purchase.

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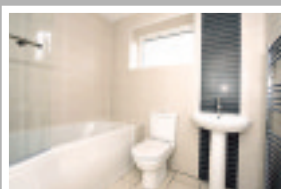
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- ★ Set on a large plot, cul-de-sac
- ★ Detached bungalow, two double bedrooms
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- ★ No upward chain

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HUMPHREY STREET

- ★ A traditional three bed detached
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Newly fitted kitchen ★ Utility
- ★ New central heating system
- ★ Double glazing
- ★ Garage and block paved driveway
- ★ Very pleasant private rear garden
- ★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £184,950

### SEDGLEY



SANDYFIELDS ROAD

- ★ Semi-detached dormer bungalow
- ★ Desirable location with panoramic views to rear
- ★ Two double bedrooms and dormer loft room
- ★ Upvc double glazing
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Garage and driveway parking
- ★ No upward chain

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- ★ A delightful cottage close to Gornal village
- ★ Pleasant lounge, separate dining room
- ★ Country style kitchen with utility room
- ★ Large modern bathroom
- ★ Two comfortable bedrooms, potential for en-suite
- ★ Upvc double glazing & central heating
- ★ Rear garden with sunny aspect
- ★ Block paved driveway

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FOXWARDS ROAD

- ★ A delightful three bed semi detached ideally situated for all amenities
- ★ Enhanced by the current owners with a modern theme
- ★ Two reception rooms and a conservatory
- ★ Kitchen and utility
- ★ Upvc double glazing & Gas central heating
- ★ Garage & block paved driveway
- ★ Pleasant private rear garden
- ★ Viewing highly recommended

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THE CLOSE

- ★ Traditional style semi-detached on a corner plot, quiet cul-de-sac
- ★ Two reception rooms, kitchen, side annex with large utility
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FLAVELL AVENUE

- ★ Luxuriously appointed modern semi-detached
- ★ Stylish living room and dining room
- ★ Contemporary Kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms, modern bathroom room
- ★ Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
- ★ Driveway and rear garden
- ★ Viewing recommended

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BEECH GREEN

- ★ A traditional semi-detached on an end plot, in a popular residential area
- ★ Two reception rooms and a breakfast kitchen
- ★ Three generous sized bedrooms
- ★ Upstairs bathroom with white suite
- ★ Upvc double glazing
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Pleasant rear gardens
- ★ Ideal for first time buyer

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £102,000

### SEDGLEY



ROWAN ROAD

- ★ SOLD IN 48 HOURS
- ★ A generous sized three bed mid terrace property
- ★ Convenient for Sedgley
- ★ UPDATING REQUIRED
- ★ Lounge, Dining room
- ★ Kitchen & Utility
- ★ No upward chain

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### PARKFIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON



KENILWORTH CRESCENT

- ★ A ground floor apartment
- ★ Two double bedrooms
- ★ Modern fully fitted kitchen
- ★ Large lounge
- ★ Modern bathroom
- ★ Upvc double glazing & new gas central heating system
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ No upward chain
- ★ Ideal investment opportunity

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £65,000

### SEDGLEY



QUEENS ROAD

- ★ A ground floor one bedroom flat
- ★ Neat and tidy throughout
- ★ Upvc double glazing, electric storage heating
- ★ Private courtyard to rear
- ★ Garage and off road parking
- ★ No upward chain
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## 139 Lots to include properties on behalf of:



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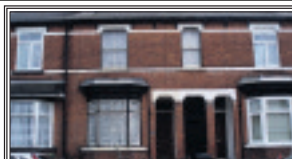
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**66 SCHOOL ROAD, TETTENHALL WOOD**  
 3 bed Semi - 2 Reception - for modernisation  
 Guide: £92,000 / £97,000  
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**2 CASTLECROFT AVENUE, CASTLECROFT, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
 Spacious 3 bed Semi in good location  
 Through Lounge, large Kitchen, Gas C.H., Garage  
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**41 MANLOVE STREET, PENN FIELDS**  
 Late Victorian 3 bed Terraced, 2 Reception - needs improvement  
 Guide: £69,000 / £74,000  
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**152 ALDERSLEY ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
 Late 19th Century End Terrace for modernisation  
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**190 BUSHBURY LANE, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
 3 bed Semi offering good letting potential  
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**244 BROMLEY LANE, KINGSWINFORD**  
 Smart 3 bed Semi, extended kitchen, garage, pleasant rear garden  
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**18 WINDSOR ROAD, PARKFIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
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Offers Around £184,950

**WALL HEATH VILLAGE****17 Windmill Grove**

A SUBSTANTIAL TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a much sought after cul de sac location, close to the fringes of Wall Heath and is well placed for excellent schooling, providing a VERY SPACIOUS and EXTENDED layout of accommodation which requires some updating, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, extended lounge, separate dining room, spacious breakfast kitchen, THREE EXCELLENT SIZE BEDROOMS, bathroom and separate w.c. The property has front lawn, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE with utility area and w.c. and an enclosed rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £184,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

**WALL HEATH VILLAGE****16 Brooklyn Grove**

Exceptionally well placed within this small exclusive cul-de-sac, this ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a superb setting BACKING ONTO PLAYING FIELDS and offers a PARTICULARLY GENEROUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c., attractive lounge, separate formal dining room, attractively refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted shower room and separate w.c. Set back beyond an attractive fore garden, together with DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £189,950

**SEDGLEY****Southerndown Road**

A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED traditional semi detached bungalow with potential upon favoured development within walking distance of so many amenities/open fields, etc. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, two double bedrooms, bathroom, lounge with bay, breakfast kitchen, 'drive through' carport & garage beyond, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £167,450

**WORDSLEY****125 Balmoral Road**

Pleasantly located within popular 'tree-lined' Balmoral Road upon the highly sought after Forest Lawns/Ashwood Park development, the SUBSTANTIAL, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys FANTASTIC DISTANT VIEWS to the fore and offers a GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c., very spacious L shaped lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom. Gently elevated and set back beyond the front garden with lawn/bricks, together with DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a LARGE TIERED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £159,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

**AMBLECOTE****Fennel Road**

This modern gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed detached property affords far reaching views from the front and offers family sized accommodation, which comprises: hall, guest w.c., lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, gardens to front and rear, garage, driveway. Realistically Priced. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265

Offers Around £159,950

**SEDGLEY****Gospel End Road**

EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS Hiding tremendous potential with particularly flexible room arrangements, a freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached requiring some sympathetic updating set in prestigious district. To the ground floor is an entrance vestibule, imposing (17'3") reception hall, fitted cloakroom, large (23'10") lounge/dining room, further reception room (alternative dining room or fourth bedroom?), breakfast kitchen, pantry. To the first floor are three bedrooms & a bathroom. Integral garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950

**KINGSWINFORD****33 Earlswood Road**

This SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED AND GREATLY ENLARGED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is very well placed within this very pleasant cul-de-sac upon highly sought after (Blastford Mere) and offers an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and VERY VERSATILE FAMILY SIZED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, exceptionally spacious lounge, bedroom 4 / office / playroom, separate dining room, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS (master having EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM) and house bathroom. Set back beyond the FULL WIDTH BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY and enjoying pleasant rear garden with patios / lawn. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £159,950

**WORDSLEY****28 Braemar Avenue**

Very pleasantly located within this delightful cul-de-sac which neighbours beautiful open countryside, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED and VERY SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, attractive lounge with separate dining room area off entrance, attractively refitted dining kitchen, utility room, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. Set back beyond the front garden, together with BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to refitted and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £157,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

**WOLVERHAMPTON****Farrington Road, Ettingshall Park**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A particularly stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily double glazed semi detached in favoured district within walking distance of 'The Beacon' & many amenities/shops, etc. Accommodation includes reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, enlarged kitchen, store, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, block paved driveway, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,950

**COSELEY****Denise Drive**

An attractive, comparatively spacious (extended), freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached enviable situated in favoured cul de sac where homes are rarely available for sale. The conscientiously maintained accommodation (with further potential) provides entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with bay, enlarged kitchen, vestibule & former disabled shower/wet room (10'1" x 5'11"). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,000

**WORDSLEY****17 Spinney Close**

Enjoying a superb 'cul-de-sac' setting close to beautiful open countryside upon the highly sought after 'Forest Lawns' development, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED and VERY SPACIOUS layout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious full width lounge, separate dining room area / playroom, refitted kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. Set back beyond the LARGE DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a patio / lawn/rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £152,950

**DUDLEY****Bordeaux Close, Milking Bank**

An attractive, tremendously enhanced & meticulously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured cul de sac. Outstanding accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, transverse refitted breakfast kitchen with various integrated appliances, understairs store, two bedrooms (fitted units/wardrobe to one bedroom), reapointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite. Secure gated/terrace parking to side & extensive parking to front, landscaped secluded rear garden & good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,950

**UPPER GORNAL****Alderwood Rise**

A significantly ENHANCED, freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated semi detached excellent situated at head of relatively quiet cul de sac in a convenient district. The well presented accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with 'living flame' gas fire, transverse dining kitchen (with upgraded units) & understar pantry. THREE BEDROOMS, reapointed bathroom with white suite, potential garage space (subject to regulations) with double wrought iron gates & a secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

**BRIERLEY HILL****Foxfoot Drive**

We are pleased to bring to the market, this traditional style gas centrally heated three bedroomed mid terrace property, of particular interest to the first time buyer/investor, the property has a ground floor bathroom and Three first floor bedrooms and requires selective modernisation, competitively priced. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265

Offers Around £112,950

**SEDGLEY****Hickmerelands Lane**

Pleasantly situated in a quiet cul de sac, this traditional, double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated end townhouse may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility/study, two good bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & a lovely rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WALL HEATH VILLAGE****13 New Street**

Superbly located within this established address within much sought after Wall Heath village, this MOST DECEPTIVE 'PERIOD' MID TERRACE HOUSE is convenient for excellent local schooling and offers a VERY SPACIOUS and GENERALLY PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, A GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM and comprising: dining room, lounge, kitchen, rear hall, store room, TWO FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS, bathroom with separate shower cubicle and with stairs rising from the first floor landing to a LOFT AREA, which is split in TWO SECTIONS and also has a SEPARATE W.C. The property enjoys a LONG REAR GARDEN which requires improvement, together with a detached garage, driveway and a good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**LOWER GORNAL****Summergate**

This immaculately presented, conscientiously maintained, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated end townhouse may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families and is well worthy of internal inspection. The considerably improved property comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen, utility, guest w.c., three bedrooms, fabulous refitted bathroom with white corner suite & separate shower cubicle, block paved driveway & a good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**LOWER GORNAL****Central Drive**

A modernised, conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end 'starter home' with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the rear in an established/convenient district. Accommodation provides reception hall, 21ft through living/dining room, upgraded kitchen, two double bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite & three good bedrooms. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**NETHERTON****Dudley Wood Road**

We are pleased to bring to the market, this traditional style gas centrally heated three bedroomed mid terrace property, of particular interest to the first time buyer/investor, the property has a ground floor bathroom and Three first floor bedrooms and requires selective modernisation, competitively priced. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265

**BEARWOOD****HALESOWEN****SEDGLEY****129 Poplar Road****21 Hagley Road****2A Dudley Street****0121 434 4345****0121 550 3978****01902 880888****6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS**

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**LOWER GORNAL****The Straits**

An absolutely outstanding, significantly extended & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached cottage. In the agent's opinion a personal inspection is vital to appreciate the conscientiously maintained accommodation which comprises imposing reception hall L-shape dining/living room, refitted breakfast kitchen, cloakroom, utility room, study/office, sitting room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, three double bedrooms, spacious half tiled bathroom with whirlpool style corner bath & double shower, double garage & secluded, established rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £275,000****GORNAL / PENNETT****ORIGINALLY £249,950 - NOW £229,950**

This BRAND NEW LUXURY FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE enjoys a prominent position adjoining Hunts Mill Drive with open front aspect and, fitted to a high specification with a REALLY SPACIOUS LAYOUT comprises: Canopy Porch, Main Hall plus inner hall with guest cloak/toilet off, SPLENDID 17'4" x 14'6" LOUNGE with walk-in bay, double doors to SPACIOUS DINING ROOM open to FEATURE FITTED KITCHEN 20'3" x 10'8" offering ample formal dining area plus Cream shaker style Kitchen area with comprehensive integrated appliances, FOUR REALLY OUTSTANDING BEDROOMS, master 15'3" x 11'10" plus en-suite, Designer House Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING plus uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Block-Paved Drive/Parking, Integral GARPORT and SUNNY, SOUTHERLY REAR VIEWS OVER REAR GARDENS TO WOODLAND BEYOND. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £229,950 - PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE****22 Coopers Bank Road****KINGSWINFORD****£20,000 REDUCTION**

A VERY LARGE AND SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED DOUBLE FRONTED DETACHED BUNGALOW which has been, in recent years, EXPENSIVELY, BEAUTIFULLY AND THOUGHTFULLY RENOVATED throughout, now providing ready to move into accommodation, all being EXTREMELY SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED throughout including: reception hall, splendid large lounge, separate formal dining room, beautifully refitted and extended kitchen with integrated appliances, separate utility room, guests cloak/v.c., THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and luxury refitted bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is further enhanced by the VERY LONG SIDE DRIVEWAY which leads to the LARGE PARKING AREA, a VERY LARGE WORKSHOP/STORE/POTENTIAL GARAGE and with a attractively landscaped garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: Offers Around £229,950****502 High Street****SEDGLEY****Sunningdale Road, Northway**

A conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached excellently situated back onto farmland with magnificent PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS. Flexible accommodation provides reception hall, third bedroom, dining room, kitchen, transverse 20' lounge, uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, lobby, utility room, separate toilet. To the first floor are two double bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom. Garage expertly tended/landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £237,000****SEDGLEY****Elan Road**

A spacious, distinctive, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (comb boiler) detached family home occupying a fine corner plot with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS & within reasonable distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring. The property has been significantly upgraded in recent & comprises enlarged hall, reappointed cloakroom with white suite, spacious 20'3" cottage style living/dining room with patio doors, refitted 18'10" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances, dining room, 24'9" through utility/store room, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with a fine range of fitted units), spacious reappointed bathroom with white suite, parking, corner garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £225,000****COSELEY****Denise Drive**

PROPERTY OPEN FOR VIEWINGS ON SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2011 FROM 10.00 AM UNTIL 3.00 PM. ONLY JUST CONSTRUCTED - an exceptionally spacious, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOM detached in favoured district. Outstanding accommodation includes: imposing 19'6" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant 17'9" lounge, transverse 23' dining kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with extensive range of stylish units & various integrated appliances, laundry, Gallery landing, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, three further double bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £220,000****LOWER GORNAL****The Alley**

A particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached with potential in favoured 'backwater' with panoramic DISTANT VIEWS from the rear & within walking distance of country park/so many amenities. Constructed to a high individual design circa 1978, the accommodation includes traditional lift reception hall, separate toilet, bathroom, principal bedroom 1 with an extensive range of fitted units, 18'4" lounge, breakfast kitchen & a veranda beyond. The first floor presently comprises central landing, double & single bedrooms but agents believe there is tremendous further potential given traditional roof construction (subject to regulations). Double tandem garage, extensive parking, delightful landscaped gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £199,950****DUDLEY****Dibdale Street**

VENDORS ADVISE NO UPWARD CHAIN. A substantial, spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home set at head of quiet driveway in popular, now well established, neighbourhood. The significantly enhanced accommodation includes traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room with patio doors out to a delightful uPVC double glazed conservatory, third reception room (ideal study), refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various integrated appliances, FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & fitted wardrobes), re-appointed bathroom. Landscaped gardens to side & rear. Substantial DOUBLE GARAGE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £195,000****DUDLEY****Aintree Way, Milking Bank**

An exceptionally well presented & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached excellently situated in favoured district with good distant views. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, traditional reception hall, elegant 17'3" lounge with walk-in bay & living flame gas fire, dining room & a substantial brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, laundry, fitted cloakroom (NB: garage presently sub-divided to form an 'office & store). Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite & a fine range of built-in wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite, neat secluded landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £185,000****WOODSETTON****Roper Way**

This beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroomed detached family home which is situated in a popular residential location, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly comprises entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, reappointed shower room with white suite, Burglar alarm, driveway, garage, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £179,950****SEDGLEY****Chevening Close (Off Richmond Road)**

A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow invariably situated of head of cul de sac within reasonable distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall, double cloak cupboard, two double bedrooms (both with wardrobes), bathroom, spacious 20'8" living/dining room with patio doors, kitchen, lengthy drive, brick garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Price: £179,950****COSELEY****Turts Hill Road, Hurst Hill**

An absolutely exceptional, tremendously enhanced, improved & modernised, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed immediate home invariably situated in what is effectively a 'country lane' with distant views over fields. Superb stylish accommodation includes: 27'5" through living/dining room fully ceiling heights & cast multi-fuel stove, inner lobby, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units/integrated appliances (sky light) and a spacious bathroom (sky light) with white suite/chrome fittings. To the first floor is a landing with double French doors to BALCONY, two bedrooms (both with fitted wardrobes), and a principal bedroom with panoramic distant views & exposed beams. Delightful sheltered well tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £174,995****PENNETT****Corbys Hall Lane**

This well presented and much improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroomed detached property offers versatile accommodation and is worthy of internal inspection, and is seen to comprise: hall, modern kitchen, guest wc, dining area, lounge, splendid conservatory addition, three first floor bedrooms, dolphin bathroom, garden to rear, block paved drive, alarm. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers around £174,950****LOWER GORNAL****Longfellow Road, Straits**

A significantly EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the rear set in favoured district close to so many amenities/country park, and comprising, enlarged transverse 18' ft lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'Avanti' solid oak units, pantry, and opening through to a separate sitting room (with patio doors), and a utility section (with sky light), fitted cloakroom, superb separate dining room beyond (with double doors out to the garden & views). Three bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, delightful sun patio, lengthy secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £164,950****NETHERTON****Quayside Walk**

This beautifully decorated, and well presented 3/4 bedroomed Town House was constructed in 2008 and offers gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation arranged over three floors and comprises: Hall, Guest wc, Bedroom four/Office, open plan Kitchen/diner, Lounge, Bedroom Three, Bathroom to first floor and Bedroom two, along with Bedroom one and en-suite to second floor, low maintenance Garden to rear, allocated parking and Garage, positioned in a splendid and enviable Canal Side location. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265

**Offers Around £164,950****SEDGLEY****Brownswall Road**

An attractive, conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed (part uPVC/part aluminium casements) semi detached invariably located on favoured development within reasonable distance of so many amenities/open fields/country park. Accommodation includes entrance porch, inner hallway, enlarged 25'11" shape living/dining room, enlarged kitchen, lobby, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, tandem double garage & a magnificent expertly tended well stocked & secluded rear garden forming a fine feature to the property. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £164,950****QUARRY BANK****Westfield Road**

This most attractive, extended, traditional style, bay fronted, four bedroomed semi detached home provides deceptive family living space, and viewing is essential to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. With majority double glazing and a gas central heating system, the property briefly comprises: entrance hall, stylish lounge, splendid open plan dining kitchen, utility, guest wc, four bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway, garage/store, and good size, mature rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers Around £149,950****DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Scotts Green Close**

This detached bungalow offers two bedroomed, gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation, and is positioned in the popular location, comprising: Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, garden to rear, garage. Available with no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers around £145,950****KINGSWINFORD****New Price****10 Birchwood Walk**

Enjoying a FANTASTIC OPEN FRONT OUTLOOK over a large, attractive open space, this SPACIOUS AND WELL MAINTAINED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW is conveniently placed for local amenities and affords a WELL PRESENTED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, splendid large lounge with ample dining space, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom with separate shower. Set back beyond the front lawn and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with a GARAGE to the rear, having vehicle access via neighbouring Rosedale Walk. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £142,950****KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 Reduction****32 Summer Street**

A MOST DECEPTIVE and CHARMING PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE which is superbly located within Kingwinford's old quarter within walking distance of the heart of the village, offering a BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS layout, which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Large attractive Lounge with log burner, separate Dining Room, luxury fitted Kitchen, refitted Bathroom with white suite, TWO SUPERB BEDROOMS (Master with En-Suite Shower Room) and stairs to LARGE ATTIC ROOM. The property is set back behind a small walled frontage and, to the rear, enjoying a LARGE and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £139,950****COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Shakespeare Close**

Situated in a quiet cul de sac, this uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, spacious through lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £124,950****KINGSWINFORD****Open viewing 17th & 18th September 12-3pm****78 Lingfield Way**

A DECEPTIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW which is superbly located within a very popular cul-de-sac setting upon Crestwood Park, which requires updating and has much potential to enhance the VERY SPACIOUS layout which includes: reception hall, large attractive lounge with dining area, kitchen, TWO EXCELLENT BEDROOMS and bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the front lawn, LONG FRONT/SIDE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN which benefits a private aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £124,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN**

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## COSELEY



Turlis Hill Road,  
Hurst Hill

An intriguing, freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached of character enviably situated in,

effectively, a 'country lane' setting overlooking fields. Accommodation includes porch, hall, walk-in store, sitting room, lounge, upgraded kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

## WORDSLEY



**£14,000 Reduction**

### 11 New Street

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED PERIOD END OF TERRACE which combines a much sought after and convenient location with a delightful setting including DRIVEWAY/OFF ROAD PARKING, GARAGE and a BEAUTIFULLY ESTABLISHED LARGE REAR GARDEN, all enhancing the VERY WELL PROPORTIONED layout which offers much charm & character, comprising: reception hall, large lounge, separate dining room, spacious kitchen, ground floor w.c., cellar, TWO LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £115,950 - No Upward Chain

## DUDLEY



### Summerfield Road

We are pleased to offer for sale this traditionally styled, extended, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed three bedroomed semi detached residence, and comprising: hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens to front and rear, garage, burglar alarm. Realistically priced. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £114,950

## GORNAL WOOD



### Flavells Lane

A distinctive & highly individual, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated double fronted cottage of character with further potential. Enjoying good distant views from the front, the property is set well back from the lane (pedestrian access only) and comprises entrance porch, dining room, central hallway, lounge with patio doors, kitchen, bathroom, THREE BEDROOMS, garden designed for 'low maintenance'. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £110,000

## GORNAL WOOD



### Pleasant View

An absolutely outstanding, tremendously modernised & exceptionally stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising entrance vestibule, inner hallway, lounge with 'Minster' style fireplace, dining room (with uPVC double glazed patio doors), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white contemporary designed suite, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £107,950

## LOWER GORNAL



### NEW PRICE

### New Street

A deceptively spacious, EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional terrace within walking distance of village. Superb, stylish accommodation includes entrance hallway, 21'5" cottage style living/dining room with 'inglenook' style chimney breast, recently refitted dining kitchen with 'birch' effect 'shaker' style units, outer porch. TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with contemporary white suite, delightful secluded garden with PARKING SPACE to rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £107,500

## SEDGLEY



### Springfield Grove

This traditional, gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, shower room with white suite, driveway & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

## DUDLEY



### Clarence Road

This Traditional styled three bedroomed mid Townhouse offers family sized accommodation, and has been much improved by the current vendors, with accommodation comprising: Hall, Modern Kitchen, Transverse Lounge, Three first Floor Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom, Garden area to rear, Block paved driveway to the front, realistically Priced. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265

Offers Around £89,950

## DUDLEY



### NEW PRICE

### Elm Green, Old Park Farm Estate

A freehold, part uPVC single & part uPVC double glazed semi detached requiring some careful updating but providing tremendous POTENTIAL. Accommodation includes reception hall, store, through lounge, separate dining room (former kitchen), pantry, kitchen (former utility area), separate toilet. THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in excess of £80,000

## UPPER GORNAL



### Kinfare Rise

This immaculately presented, conscientiously maintained, part uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two double bedroomed FIRST FLOOR FLAT which is conveniently situated for local amenities, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: communal entrance, private hall, living room, refitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, and a private rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £74,950

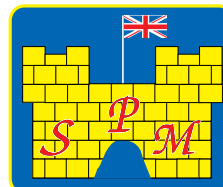
## COSELEY



### Hackett Close

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### THE PORTWAY

£650 pcm

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## PENSNETT



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Upstairs•Gas Central Heating System•Double  
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•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Fitted  
Kitchen•Ground Floor Bathroom•Upstairs  
Toilet•Gas Central Heating  
System•Driveway•No Chain

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Dining Areas•Kitchen•Conservatory•Garage•Gas  
Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where  
Stated•Block Paved Driveway

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**ROWLAND HILL DRIVE**  
•End Townhouse Residence•Three Bedrooms•Fitted  
Kitchen•Refitted Bathroom•Rear Lounge•Ground  
Floor Cloakroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas  
Central Heating System•Rear Garden•Driveway

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A three bedroom semi detached having ground floor cloakroom,  
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**HALESOWEN STREET**  
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Rooms•Kitchen•Downstairs Toilet•Ga  
Central Heated System•Double Glazing  
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**EDMUND ROAD**  
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Having Nice Size Lounge, Fitted Kitchen,  
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With Three Bedrooms Upstairs And A Shower Room.

**£575 PCM** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



**HELLIER STREET**  
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reception rooms, kitchen and ground floor bathroom.  
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**REGENT ROAD**  
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## It's hands-off motoring

TO THE OTHER drivers on the A9 motorway between Munich and Nuremberg, the silver BMW 5-Series is as good as invisible, sharing the road space with the usual throng of trucks, buses, motorbikes and other drivers in similar German products.

A closer look would reveal that the driver isn't holding the steering wheel, and if they could look into the footwell, they would see that his feet aren't touching the pedals either.

This is an autonomous 5-Series, the product of BMW's Highly Automated Driving project and its manager, Dr Nico Kampchen, is behind the wheel – despite having virtually no input into the driving process. The test vehicle has completed more than 3,000 miles of development driving, and once on the motorway, where it is designed to operate, all the driver needs to do is push a button.

"This is an entirely new situation and experience for the driver – it is a strange feeling handing over complete control of the car to an autonomous system," Kampchen says.

"But after a few minutes of experiencing the smooth, sovereign and safe driving style, drivers and passengers begin to relax somewhat and trust the independent system. Nevertheless, the driver is still responsible for the situation at all times and must constantly keep an

eye on traffic and the surroundings.

Combining technology such as Emergency Stop Assistant and Adaptive Cruise Control, some of which is available on production cars, the 5-Series constantly monitors its surroundings and can react and deal with any potential situation.

The team said dealing with traffic merging onto the motorway was the biggest challenge, but the test car can slow to allow this or even change lanes. Overtaking, emergency stops, changing road surface and weather conditions – all of this is dealt with automatically.


### Hurdle

While this might seem like the stuff of fantasy, the biggest hurdle to overcome is the minds of drivers.

Handing over complete control to computer software is a big step – even though we regularly climb aboard aeroplanes that do just that – and it's easy to think that this will result in a general disengagement from the process of driving that isn't necessarily seen as progress.

Yet the truth is that computers don't make errors, only humans do, and a world in which a computer can respond in split seconds to a situation you may not even see developing can only be a good thing for every road user.





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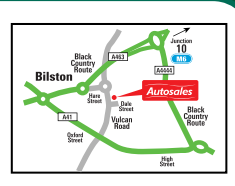
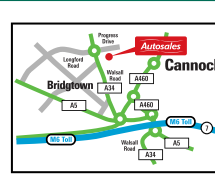
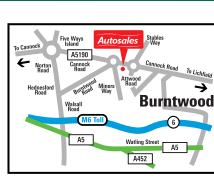
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**Land Rover won more than half of the vote in a national poll**

**WHO MAKES the best 4x4s?** That'll be Land Rover, which blitzed its rivals in a poll of 40,000 people to find the UK's favourite 4x4 maker.

Not for the first time, Land Rover has blown its off-roader rivals into the weeds. The famous British marque claimed an astonishing 54 per cent of the vote in a MSN Cars poll.

Just under 40,000 people provided their answer to the question: "Which firm makes the best '4x4' type cars?" when it was posed on the MSN Cars website last month.

Respondents were invited to choose their favourite from a list of 12 leading 4x4 manufacturers which included Jeep, Mitsubishi and Subaru as well as premium marques such as BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Porsche.

Second-placed Toyota polled nine per cent of the vote, so Land Rover's 54 per cent was the definition of an emphatic victory. Audi arrived in third place with eight per cent.

The MSN Cars poll clearly shows the UK public hold a special place in their hearts for Land Rover and its products. The first vehicle to carry the famous name appeared in 1948 and, although the company is now owned by TATA Motors, its headquarters are still based in Gaydon, Warwickshire.

The current Land Rover range includes household names such as the Freelander, Discovery and Defender models, along with the premium Range Rover and Range Rover Sport line-ups.

"We are thrilled that MSN users have voted Land Rover their favourite 4x4 brand," said Colin Green, managing director of Land Rover UK.

"We know that Land Rover has some of the best brand loyalty figures in the industry and this poll is testament to that."

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"Taking over half the votes is a great achievement and goes to prove that Land Rover really does make the world's most authentic 4x4s. Thank you to everyone who voted for us!"

"As one of Britain's most cherished car companies, it's no surprise to see Land Rover top our poll as the maker of the best 4x4 vehicles," said Tom Evans, editor of MSN Cars.

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Peugeot has urged motorists to be safety conscious as the bell rings for the new school term

## Cap your speed near schools, says Peugeot

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The company is reminding motorists that by using a speed-limiter they can drive safely, enjoy better fuel economy and protect their licence.

At this time of year drivers should be extra vigilant, especially around schools at peak hours.

Peugeot is calling on its customers, or drivers of any vehicle equipped with speed limiters, to set them to 20mph when driving near schools or entering residential areas. Speed limiters can be fitted to most cars.

The system, equipped as standard to most Peugeot

models, electronically prevents drivers from exceeding the speeds they set on the device.

Morgan Lecoupeur, director of marketing for Peugeot UK, said: "Excessive speed is widely regarded as the number one contributor of road accidents, and keeping a speed below 20mph makes total sense when driving in residential areas or near schools.

"However, maintaining 20 mph or lower in a modern car is taxing in itself, but in truth it needn't have to be due to speed limiters fitted to most new models.

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## Formula One king Vettel designs his own vehicle

THE perfect high-performance Infiniti Crossover – designed by, and built for, Formula One World Champion Sebastian Vettel – was making its debut in concept form at the 64th International Motor Show in Frankfurt.

The Red Bull Racing driver and Infiniti Global Brand Ambassador was unveiling "his" car at the show.

The first-ever Vettel-badged road car, the FX Sebastian Vettel version is the lightest, fastest and most aerodynamic FX yet.

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Based on the already fast and sporting V8-powered FX50S Premium, the FX Sebastian Vettel version features changes to engine, suspension and body.

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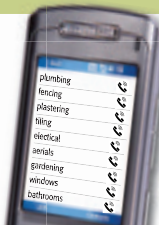
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# Promotion hopes still alive for Old Hill XI

**ATTACK (6 POINTS) 238 - 8 DREW WITH OLD HILL (14 POINTS) 210 - 4.**

Following the early morning rain, the First XI game away at Attock got off to a prompt start and having won the toss, the home side elected to bat and had 52 runs on the board before the openers were parted.

Then as Old Hill's bowlers began to make an impact on the game with the introduction of Nigel Davenport (3 - 57) and Ashfaq Hussain (4 - 59), Attock were reduced to 151 - 7 wickets

in the 42nd over with only Q Khan (47) showing any resistance.

However, a late flurry of runs by the hosts tail enders took their score up to 238 - 8 wickets from their 55 overs, thanks mainly to A Mahmood (69 not out) and K Zaman (30).

In reply, Old Hill lost opener Mike Hingley with the score on 4 before fellow opener Nathan Round produced yet another master class 89 not out as he led the visitors to the brink of victory which would have

secured a maximum 24 points but it was all to no avail as the rain arrived yet again causing the game to be abandoned.

The captain was ably assisted by Dan Cox (46), Nitesh Patel (37) and Dan Wood (31) in the quest to keep their promotion push alive, especially as news filtered through that rivals Brockhampton had lost their match but it was not to be.

With the visitors total on 210 - 4 wickets off just 45.1 overs, the rain

intensified and they had to settle for a winning draw. Old Hill now need to win their last home game against Kenilworth, take maximum points and hope for a few favours if they are to achieve their goal.

**OLD HILL (9 POINTS) 19 - 1 v HARBORNE (8 POINTS) 212 - 9 MATCH ABANDONED.**

Having won the toss in their game at Haden Hill against Harborne, the

Second XI chose to field first. The home bowlers started well enough and the visitors were struggling at 65 - 3 wickets in the 19th over.

However, thanks to an excellent innings by M Fahim (79) and some resolute batting by the middle and lower order, Harborne reached 212 - 9 wickets off their 50 overs.

Best bowlers of Old Hill were Connor Smith (3 - 59) and Dan Such (2 - 36). Then Old Hill openers Shezad Aslam and

began their reply under threatening skies and were parted when Aslam was out l.b.w. in the third over before a series of heavy showers put an end to any prospects of further play and the match was abandoned as a draw.

**Derek Griffiths**

The match between Chaddesley Corbett and Old Hill scheduled for Sunday, September 11 was postponed.

# Rampant DK get league campaign up and running



Replacement No 8 Tom Bissell shows his power



Centre Greg Lewis sidesteps an opponent

## RUGBY

Following last week's difficult National League baptism, Dudley Kingswinford gave a strong performance to get their campaign up and running.

Five unanswered second half tries gave DK the points after they went in at the break trailing 12-10 to Coventry-based outfit Broadstreet.

With regular backs Gareth Bown and Stefan Shillingford still unavailable through injury, DK fielded an unchanged side from last week's defeat at the hands of South Leicester.

The hosts began the game well and good forward pressure saw them take the lead after just five minutes when Shaun Griffiths was driven over for an unconverted try.

Tui Asi Pitso almost made the line on 16 minutes but the move was thwarted as DK's early dominance went unrewarded.

They were made to pay when the visitors scored in what was their first real attack of the game - prop Peter Mills drove over following a maul to make it 5-5.

Stung into action DK retook the lead thanks to a fine Matt Farrington finish, although again the try was not converted.

**DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD 45 BROADSTREET 12**

When a try was finally converted it was Street who put seven points on the board to take a half time lead, with Scott Harman adding the two-point extras from his own try.

After the break DK had the wind behind them and certainly used this to their advantage.

The first of five impressive second half tries for the hosts came from a stunning 40-metre midfield break from Jon Higgins, which ended with Simon Fletcher going under the posts.

Higgins converted to make it 17-12 and on 49 minutes DK gained a bonus point when Pete Knight's spectacular re-ruck stole the ball for Ollie Shakespeare to crash over for another converted try.

## Hat-trick

Rampant DK extended their lead 11 minutes later when Higgins passed to Farrington who notched his second try.

And soon after Farrington grabbed his hat-trick - with Higgins again the provider from another quickly-taken scrum - to give the hosts a 38-12 advantage.

Farrington was also involved in the final try of the afternoon which was whipped out to Ian Langford on the wing who went over for a fine effort, added to by kicker Higgins for a final score of 45-12.

## Junior final brings strong performances

Junior swimmers from Halesowen Swimming Club travelled to Wolverhampton last Saturday for the Division 1 Nuneaton Junior League Final for the third successive year.

The team went in to the final in sixth place in the league and, faced with all the top teams from across the Midlands, very tough competition was expected.

From the outset Boldmere and Leicester Penguins set the pace and Halesowen faced a tough battle for the fourth and fifth spot. By the half-way point it looked like Halesowen would have to settle for fifth place but the team gradually made ground and were only four points adrift by event 30 and drew level by event 38. However, Northampton stayed strong and left Halesowen to settle to fifth place on the night.

There were very strong individual performances with Ben Meakin becoming a double event winner in the freestyle and butterfly, and first places coming from Kitty Luscombe in the breaststroke, Katy Morrice and Jack Simpson in the freestyle, Mark Laing in the butterfly and Euan Vaughan-Hawkins in the backstroke.

The relay teams performed well with wins from the nine year-old boys including Thomas Benson and Jack Vale, and the 10 year-old boys including Jakob Baker, James Cuthbert and George Westwood. Special mention also goes to Ben Meakin for breaking the competition best time in the 25m freestyle.

**Final point scores:** Boldmere A 212, Leicester Penguins 205, Nuneaton & Bedworth A 182, Northampton A 183, Halesowen 168, Lutterworth 125.

# Mark's right on track for team return ride



Mark Robinson will ride for the Heathens on Tuesday

CRADLEY born and bred Mark Robinson admits he will be a bag of nerves when he pulls on the famous Heathens race jacket once again next Tuesday.

Robinson, 43, retired from racing speedway in 1992, but since the relaunch of the Heathens at their adopted Wolverhampton home last year, he has caught the bug once again. He will ride for Dudley Heathens against Birmingham in a West Midlands Challenge fixture at Monmore Green.

And immediately after the 15 heats, the top four Heathens scorers will go into a one-off race for the Les Pottinger Memorial Shield, remembering the former Cradley promoter and sponsor who died early this year. All the Heathens riders will mix with supporters at a post-match disco with a late bar.

Robinson has been having regular practice at Rye House and admits he has been emotional since getting the call-up for a one-off appearance in his beloved Heathens colours.

He said: "I've cried once or twice at the prospect of riding for the Heathens again. This club means everything to me and I can't believe it's happening. The sport and the club was my life as a kid and now all these years later I'm getting the chance to ride for them again. I really don't know how I will feel when I wake up on Tuesday morning."

Robinson replaces Danny Stone-man but club bosses didn't want to cost the popular reserve a meeting and he will line-up for Birmingham. And also in the Birmingham side is National League Riders' Champion Jason Garrity, who is widely regarded as the pan-tomime villain among Heathens fans.

Brummies boss Phil Morris has also selected Jamie Pickard and James Sarjeant of title chasing Stoke for what will be a tough test in the last Heathens outing of the season.

Heathens, meanwhile, are sweating on the fitness of Kyle Newman who is still struggling with shoulder damage. But there is a possibility Adam Roydon will be back after a succession of practice sessions in the past fortnight. He is due to return to the Premier League with Redcar this weekend.

The season officially ends when the Heathens host the Great Britain Under-21 v USA meeting at Monmore on October 11. Normal admission prices apply - £10 adults, £6 concessions and £2 children and Heathens season ticket holders will be admitted at the special rates of £6 adults and £3 concessions.

# Heathens save some of their best for the season's end

**DUDLEY 57 KING'S LYNN 39**

Dudley got their double desire at "Monmore Wood" - victory and a clean bill of health.

Those may not seem lofty ambitions, but after a torrid post-Fours run of six defeats in seven matches which has seen nasty injuries for Adam Roydon, Richard Franklin, Jon Armstrong and Kyle Newman, the Heathens were happy to take what was on offer last Tuesday night.

Lynn produced glimpses of spirited opposition in wet and slushy conditions - it was only the track staff's Trojan toiling the previous afternoon which got the match on at all but Dudley were superior in pretty well all departments.

Guest Adam Allott, who had notched a five-ride maximum for Buxton at the circuit last week, added a further four victories to be unbeaten again - but this time in the red helmet colour.

Allott displayed the family sharpness at the tapes - and was allowed a criminal flier in heat 13 - but there was more to him than just a quick clutch hand. He had to work very hard indeed to get past James Cockle in heat six but managed it on the back straight of the final lap.

Cockle's three heat wins represented the biggest threat from Lynn, while Lewis Blackburn grabbed a couple too. Like Cockle, he won his double-point tactical ride - with the black and white helmet perhaps more of a magpie than a Blackburn - but his dice with Ashley Morris to do so, which took place in heat 11, with the conditions arguably at their worst, did both of them great honour. They were wheel to wheel on the third and fourth corners on three of the four laps without either ever looking likely to come to grief.

Morris, captain in the injury absence of more seasoned campaigners, also had to shoulder the responsibility of the number five racejacket and his paid 13 featured a super win from the back in heat four and continued the return to form signalled by his nine points in the National League Riders Championship at the weekend.

Also back on the button were the stylish Darryl Ritchings and the racy Tom Perry, while Jamie Courtney produced a rock solid paid 10 and Danny Stoneman grafted hard for his third place.

Injuries and a loss of form at the wrong time scuppered Dudley's ambitions for the campaign but this final league match of the season offered a tantalising glimpse into what might have been.

**Dudley:** Adam Allott 12, Tom Perry 11+3, Ashley Morris 11+2, Darryl Ritchings 11+2, Jamie Courtney 9+1, Danny Stoneman 3+1.

**King's Lynn:** James Cockle 17, Lewis Blackburn 9, Lewis Kerr 4+1, Tom Stokes 4, Oliver Rayson 3, Scott Campos 2+1.

**LEICESTER LIONS 51 DUDLEY HEATHENS 39**

Captain America Ryan Fisher couldn't quite win the Ivor Brown Trophy for Dudley - but it wasn't for want of trying.

Fisher was the class of the field in Sunday night's Premier League-level challenge which housed Roydon, who rode for both clubs in their previous incarnations.

The Yank, the latest in a string of Statesiders to grace Heathens colours, looked like going through the card at Beaumont Leys. He showed great speed all night, storming from the gate in most races and picking off Ilya Bondarenko in heat five in under a lap.

But although he led the final race, Fisher came to a virtual halt on the fourth bend after all but putting himself into the air fence. That error looked like letting the Lions finish with a flourish and a second successive 5-1, but Fisher powered on and followed partner Josh Auty past prolific reserve Jan Graversen. It even looked as if he could yet mount a challenge to Bondarenko, only to find his Coventry teammate Auty underfoot at the crucial moment.

While the Coventry guests contributed seven victories between them Tomasz Piszcz, the third import designed to put these teams from different leagues on a roughly equal footing, proved less effective and gave himself a serious scare in heat seven when nearly falling on the pits bend while battling with the home pair of Graversen and Magnus Karlsson.

Dudley's Jamie Courtney and Ashley Morris, both in Leicester's team earlier in the campaign, struggled to make an impact although the latter was involved in an absorbing pass and repass tussle with Henning Bager for third place in heat nine.

But Tom Perry took a real shine to the circuit and while his score was inflated by taking points from local youngster Ben Holloway, blooded for experience by the Lions, he looked racy all night.

The travelling Heathens fans, mostly grouped behind their huge banner on the back straight, applauded the victory by Fisher and Auty warmly. But they erupted into their biggest cheer of the night in the fourth heat when Perry chased down and passed Karlsson - a genuine finer round this track - to join Auty for a 5-1 and what turned out to be the visitors' only heat advantage.

Leicester's relaunch this year, and at a new, purpose-built stadium to boot, has been the sport's success story this year. It's a dream that Dudley's fans are still pursuing.

**Leicester:** Ilya Bondarenko 13, Jan Graversen 12+2, Kaua Henningsen 8+1, Henning Bager 6+4, Magnus Karlsson 6+2, Viktor Bergstrom 6+1, Ben Holloway 0.

**Dudley:** Ryan Fisher 13+1, Josh Auty 11, Tom Perry 8+1, Tomasz Piszcz 4, Ashley Morris 2+2, Jamie Courtney 1+1, Darryl Ritchings 0.

● Dudley's Adam Portwood finished third in the fifth round of the British Junior Championship at Sittingbourne on Sunday.

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DK WIN GETS SEASON UP AND RUNNING  
OLD HILL STILL IN PROMOTION CHALLENGE

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## Causeway on the end of an upset at Robins

DUDLEY TOWN 3 CAUSEWAY 2

Causeway United went out of the FA Vase with a disappointing display at a windy Dell Stadium. The first half conditions made passing, or any football, almost impossible and it was clearly going to be a question of who would adapt better to the conditions.

The answer to this was Dudley, who created all the chances in the first half, though they were playing with the wind.

Causeway's defence was called into action on 16 minutes to clear a Robert Whitley header after he had been set up by Todd Warner.

There was a bizarre incident on the half-hour when Causeway keeper Tom Turner did well to parry over a long goal kick from his opposite number Luke Cunningham, which showed how strong the wind was.

But Dudley did take the lead seven minutes later when Adam Cross produced a great finish with a half-volley from inside the box which found its way through a ruck of players. Cross nearly had a through ball turned in as Dudley continued to dominate. But it was a great spell in the second half which secured the game for the home side and it was two ex-Causeway players who were instrumental in the two goals.

Turner had done well to tip away a header from Dreniz Bala on 58 minutes and also got a hand to a shot from the same player almost immediately after but couldn't stop the ball going in. Another player who had given Causeway fine service, Ben Stretton, headed in a Barry Richards free-kick for Dudley on 64 minutes to give the Blues an uphill task.

They did their best to get back into it, Danny Jones skipping past the defenders and closing in on goal but he just couldn't turn the ball in. This frantic period of play also led to a couple of altercations between players of both sides, which led to bookings but no red cards.

On 83 minutes Danny Priest reduced the deficit with a tap-in after ignoring the Dudley players' shouts for a foul on Whitley.

And substitute Craig Gregg made it 3-2 almost on time with a back-post header but by then it was just too late to force the draw.

## Young nets the winner for Athletic vase victory

LEEK CSOB 0 GORNAL ATHLETIC 1

A goal by right-back Richard Young halfway through the second half earned Gornal a win in the first qualifying round of the FA Vase.

West Midlands Premier side Gornal dominated possession in the early stages but it was the home side who created the best of the early first-half opportunities.

The second period saw Gornal convert more of the possession into chances with Dave Meese wasting an opportunity on 55 minutes after excellent work by Marvin Nisbett.

Matt Weyman then forced home keeper Rob

Hackney into action after a pass by centre-half Connor Gater. Gornal's pressure finally told on 70 minutes when Young found himself on the edge of the area after a Lee Wherton corner was half-cleared and the full-back unleashed a shot which gave Hackney no chance.

Leek never stopped pressing and with four minutes to go Brough had their best chance to grab an equaliser when he superbly controlled a deep Daniel Hyde cross but chipped just over the bar from a tight angle.

Gornal face Studley in the second qualifying round of the FA Vase away on Saturday at 3pm.

## Mixed results for Hawks squads

Boys League

HALAS HAWKS EAST 1 BRANDHALL 4

A poor team performance from the U9s East ended with the lads losing 4-1 to an excellent Brandhall side.

HALAS HAWKS WEST 1 SEDGLEY 3

The U9s West eventually went down 3-1 to Sedgley White Lions in an entertaining end to end game. Robert Pilling won man of the match for his outstanding effort in defence.

KEWFORD EAST 1 HALAS HAWKS WEST 1

The U10s West travelled to Kewford where an end to end match saw both teams playing some great football. Harry Williams was also voted as man of the match.

KEWFORD EAGLES 0 HALAS HAWKS EAST 3

The U10s travelled to Kewford and a good team performance followed with Oliver Miller and Cameron Ralley scoring, along with an own goal from Kewford.

SEDGLEY WHITE LIONS 2 HALAS HAWKS WEST 2

Sedgley claimed the opening goal but Halas got back in the game with a Jack Clews goal. Halas took the lead early in the second half with a goal from Jack Macfarlane but Sedgley equalised midway through the second half.

STOURBRIDGE GLASSBOYS 2 HALAS HAWKS 3

The U12s won 3-2 against Stourbridge Glassboys with goals from Nick Bennett (2) and Matthew Evans.

HALAS HAWKS 4 TRYSSULL TIGERS WEST 8

The U13s were involved in a high scoring game against Trysull. Halas goals were scored by Cameron Milne, Matt Jones, Josh Bernard and Dylan Keeling.

HALAS HAWKS 3 TRYSSULL TIGERS 1

A lively first half saw the U14s score through Jack Guest. Halas stretched their lead with Michael Eaton goal, but Trysull pulled one back, another goal from Guest gave them a 3-1 win.

HALAS HAWKS 6 OLD WULFS 2

The U16s travelled away to play a very good Old Wulfs side and went in at 2-2 at half time. The second half was very different as Halas scored four to become the runaway winners.

Girls League

HALAS HAWKS 31 GORNAL 0

Hannah Fellows scored 17 goals as Halas Hawks Girls U10s won their first game of the season by a 31-0 score line.

SEDGLEY WHITE LIONS 3 HALAS HAWKS 1

Halas played some neat football but good finishing by their opponents saw Halas reach half time three nil down. Halas dominated possession in the second half but could only record one goal from Louise Tromans.

Halas Ladies

The ladies team travelled to Tipton Town and continued their unbeaten start to the season. Kirsty Houston and Cat Barrett scored.

## JJ wants more than initial win



FA World Soccer Skills hopeful Joshua Jones, of Coopers Bank Road, Gornal Wood

## Joshua through to final of world skills contest

Young footballer Joshua Jones will be lacing up his boots to take to the hallowed turf of Old Trafford after winning a contest at a Manchester United training camp.

The 11-year-old from Cooper's Bank Road, Gornal Wood, will run out of the same tunnel as Wayne Rooney and Rio Ferdinand for the final of the competition at the end of the month.

Joshua, known as JJ to his friends, signed up for a Manchester United soccer school this summer based near Uttroxteter.

After a few days intensive training with

coaches from the Premier League champions, Joshua came top of its skills contest which included dribbling and passing.

The Kingswinford School pupil, who also trains at Wolves and Walsall, has now won a dream two-day trip to Old Trafford. He will compete in the FA World Soccer Skills contest against other finalists on the pitch on September 29 before getting to watch United take on Norwich City.

He will also train at the club's training ground and watch some youth team players tested.

## Glassboys suffer their first defeat

Evo-stick League Southern Premier Division

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD 2 STOURBRIDGE 0

Gary Hackett's men saw their unbeaten start to the season come to an end as bottom of the table Hemel belied their poor early season run of the results to pick up a well-earned win.

The Hertfordshire hosts, kicking down the slope, made the better start. In the opening minute David Pearce produced a good run down the left before crossing for Scott Fitzgerald to glance a header wide of the far post.

Stourbridge had their moments with a cushioned header from Ryan Rowe enabling Ben Billingham to strike a shot on the turn from the edge of the box past Nick Bussey's right-hand post.

However, the visitors fell a goal behind in the 18th minute when a pass from Sean Geddes was intercepted by Danny May before letting fly with a fierce long range low drive that gave Solly no chance.

The Glassboys had a half-chance on 36 minutes when a free-kick from McCone was headed on by Leon Broadhurst on the left-hand edge of the box but the near-post flick from Rowe dropped wide.

Hemel went close to a second in the 40th minute as Lewis Toomey supplied a cross from the left and Fitzgerald managed a header back at the far post for Liam Malone to hook the ball over his head, only to see his effort rebound off Solly's right-hand upright.

Stourbridge carved out their best chance of the half just a minute later as Paul Lloyd delivered in a good cross from the right for Josh Craddock to get in a downward header that was too close to Bussey.

In the second half, Stourbridge had the advantage of the slope and the wind in their favour and two minutes after the restart a free-kick from Geddes drew a save from Bussey away to his left.

In the 64th minute the Glassboys fell further behind. A free-kick in from Pearce on the left was met by Matt McEntegart and he sent a powerful header past Solly.

Two minutes later Billingham went close with a driven low free-kick and then in the 70th minute Rowe fastened onto a header from Billingham but he ran too wide before slipping over and the chance was gone.

Six minutes later Broadhurst fed Billingham who

fizzed a shot inches over the bar. On 85 minutes

Charlie Gorman found Pearce who cut in from the left, but Paul Lloyd made a good block from his shot.

## The ups and downs of the final day's fixtures

Worcestershire County Cricket League

The season's final found of fixtures in Division One saw six matches with little left to play for, including a rain-affected draw at Bromyard for champions Stourbridge who topped the 400 points mark.

Pershore secured the runners-up spot with a big win at Oldswinford and Astwood Bank finished third following victory at relegated Bewdley.

Nomads had to settle for fourth after rain shortened their match at Pedmore. There were also wins for Worcester at Romsley and Redditch against Droitwich.

In Division Two leaders Combs Wood notched the few points needed for the title in a rainied-off match versus Monmouth. Colwall were promoted as runners up following a win at home to their neighbours, relegated Malvern. Hagley were frustrated by rain at Belbroughton and finished third. Burghill beat Netherton to stay fourth, Dominies beat Feckenham and Wormelow overcame Kidderminster.

Division Three champions Rushwick won again at home to Birlingham. Alvechurch were runners up with 394 after beating fourth-placed Enville thanks to 137 not out from 14-year-old Jimmy Clifford.

Elsewhere Lye lost at Chaddesley to confirm their relegation and Old Vigornians won for the second week running but were still relegated after Himbleton tied with Harborne to stay up.

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